

## Diaspora recommendations

Between November 2019 and March 2021 EUDiF organised a series of **participatory diaspora consultations around Europe** with **68 diaspora organisations and networks**. Each consultation generated a series of recommendations, on how to improve diaspora-engagement for development and integration, addressed to different actors in the diaspora-development ecosystem. The series of recommendations was consolidated into a **comprehensive list of 15 diaspora recommendations**, covering topics such as funding, capacity building and professionalisation, dialogue and cooperation and many others.

For more information about the EUDiF Diaspora Consultations, feel free to consult the reports from the Diaspora Consultations in [Southwest Europe](#), [Western Europe](#), [Northern Europe](#) and [Southern, Central and Western Europe](#).

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONALISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Enhance the professionalisation of diaspora organisations</b> by developing their capacities in the areas of fundraising, project management, communication, awareness raising and advocacy, as well as networking.</li> </ul>
FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Establish a dedicated European diaspora fund</b> easily accessible to diaspora organisations (including small organisations), which accepts grant applications on a rolling basis to support projects in both host and home countries.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Map existing funding schemes</b> available to diaspora organisations in Europe.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Establish specific opportunities for diaspora organisations</b> within existing funds and calls for projects, in order to provide support that meets the specificities of diaspora organisations as actors of development and integration; strengthen the sustainability of funding opportunities by prioritising long-term funding programmes over short-term initiatives and one-off appeals.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Build in flexibility in programming</b> at national and European level to keep up with changing needs and realities at local level in both country of residence and heritage.</li> </ul>
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Create conditions that allow youth diaspora to engage</b> and contribute, for example by adapting the agendas of existing diaspora organisations to the needs of new generations and by designing engagement programmes that target youth diaspora.</li> </ul>
ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Support enabling environments for diaspora engagement</b> in both countries of residence and heritage, including by strengthening policies on inclusion, integration and respect for diversity in European countries of residence.</li> </ul>
DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Encourage the development of supranational platforms</b> or networks for diaspora organisations to facilitate inter and intra-diaspora cooperation and pooling of resources in Europe. Working with such platforms and networks, facilitate dialogue and discussions based on the profile of diaspora organisations and their fields of activities (e.g. education, integration, health, etc.) through thematic exchanges of experiences and best practices.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Facilitate and support structured multi-stakeholder dialogue</b> between Europe-based diaspora organisations and various actors, including the EU, governments of countries of residence and heritage, the private sector and local authorities in Europe. To facilitate this in a sustainable manner, it is important to identify focal points on diaspora issues.</li> </ul>
PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Promote and encourage peer-to-peer exchanges</b> between diaspora organisations to enhance learning opportunities and sharing of best practices and lessons learnt, including in the use of new technologies and digital tools.</li> </ul>



<p>DIASPORA SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Include the diaspora in the conceptualisation and planning of development actions</b>, humanitarian crisis response mechanisms and peacebuilding dialogues implemented by European governments and donors. In this sense, it is important to elevate diaspora as co-development partners and to acknowledge their expertise and knowledge beyond migration issues.</li> <li>▪ <b>Map skills of diaspora individuals and organisations</b> in specific areas and establish pools of diaspora experts.</li> </ul>
<p>PROMOTING DIASPORA ACTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Analyse, promote and raise awareness on the impact of diaspora actions</b> and their contribution to development and integration objectives.</li> </ul>
<p>VISIBILITY OF DIASPORA PROJECTS AND EVENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Create a website to increase the visibility of projects implemented by diaspora organisations</b> as well as to connect relevant stakeholders and encourage exchange of good practices. Create a shared agenda to facilitate the coordination of diaspora events.</li> </ul>
<p>ADDRESSING XENOPHOBIA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Support diaspora organisations in their role against xenophobia and discrimination</b>, especially in times of crisis.</li> </ul>

