



**Association
for Democracy Assistance
and Human Rights**

DEMAS is an association of Czech NGOs focused on promoting democracy, fundamental human rights, civil society, rule of law and good governance abroad.

We provide a platform for cooperation, coordination, and sharing information and experience related to the Czech transformation cooperation. We create bridges between our member organizations, the government, the academia and the business sector in value-based foreign policy issues.

What is Transformation Cooperation?

Transformation Cooperation is focused on promoting human rights, democracy, civil society, good governance, and free media abroad. It is **an official part of Czech foreign policy** which builds upon the Czech Republic's specific experience with building democracy and resistance to totalitarianism, and is implemented by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**. This cooperation is offered mainly to countries with cultural, geographical, historical, or other links to the Czech Republic. Priority targets include Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Cuba, Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, and Vietnam. However, our member organizations also work in many other countries in Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Central and Southeast Asia.

Our goals

Promoting democracy and human rights around the world

- Contribute to the society-wide promotion of democracy and human rights and advocate for their place in Czech and European foreign policy.

Strengthening Czech transformation cooperation

- Make Czech transformation cooperation more effective.

Collaboration and sharing / creating synergies

- To facilitate the exchange of information and experience between member organizations, the government, the academia, and the private sector.

Our activities

Representation and partnership

- We represent and establish partnerships with various stakeholders, including NGOs, donors, government institutions, politicians, representatives of companies, international organizations, and think tanks.

Visibility of activities

→ We raise the profile of Czech activities in the field of human rights and democracy among experts and the public.

Discussion and search for synergies

→ We organize debates, seminars, conferences, and workshops on topics related to democratization, human rights and civil society for both experts and the public.

Endorsing joint positions

→ We defend the positions and interests of our member organizations before the Czech and EU institutions and promote consensus-building in the field of transformation cooperation policy.

Fundraising and international cooperation

→ We help our members raise funds and actively seek new opportunities for national and international cooperation.

Our member organizations



Agora promotes democratic processes and civic education. Its mission is to contribute to improving the political culture and communication between local public administration, national administration, and citizens. It highlights new approaches to communication between municipalities and citizens and the possibilities of effective cooperation in decision-making. It helps young people become more involved in civic activities. It is active in the Czech Republic, Eastern Europe, especially in the Balkans, and in the post-Soviet republics.



Amnesty International is an international independent volunteer movement of people working in the field of human rights around the world. Its goals include the release of those who are unjustly imprisoned, abolishing the death penalty and ending torture, protecting civilians in armed conflicts, eliminating discrimination, fighting poverty and ensuring the rights of refugees and migrants.



Arnika is a Czech non-profit organization which has been bringing together people who care for a better environment since 2001. Its mission is to protect nature and preserve a healthy environment for future generations in the Czech Republic and around the world. It has long advocated for reducing waste and hazardous substances, for rivers with life in them, diverse nature, and the right of citizens to make decisions about the environment.



AMO.CZ

Association for International Affairs (AMO) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 1997 for research and education in the field of international relations. AMO's core mission is to contribute to a deeper understanding of international affairs. We provide a space for the expression and implementation of ideas, thoughts and projects serving the development of education, understanding and tolerance between people.



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The mission of **BCP** is to contribute to the democratization of Burma, respect for human rights and the improvement of the situation of the people of Burma and the people in exile by analyzing developments

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in Burma and informing and engaging the European public, building bridges and networks between Europe and Burma; providing necessary services to the people of Burma, in particular education and refugee assistance for integration, and promoting the empowerment of the people and their active participation in the transformation of Burma.



Arcidiecézní charita Praha

Caritas of the Archdiocese of Prague is one of the largest providers of social services in

Prague and the Central Bohemian Region. Development cooperation and humanitarian aid are an important area of its activity. Aid is mainly provided to sub-Saharan Africa (Uganda, Zambia) and India. Our programs focus on helping the poorest families and the elderly, as well as promoting human rights and democratization in Belarus.



ADVANCING THE RULE OF LAW

CEELI Institute is dedicated to promoting the rule of law through training and education for legal professionals. The Institute works with judges, investigators,

lawyers, and non-governmental watchdogs in the areas of transparent justice, strengthening democratic institutions, fighting corruption, access to justice and defending human rights. Since

2000, more than 15,000 people from over 50 countries have participated in the Institute's programs.



C P K P

Centre for Community Work is a public-benefit, non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides services to Czech and foreign stakeholders from public administration, civil society organizations and the private sector in the following areas:

engagement of civil society organizations and citizens in the development of municipalities, cities and regions; local sustainable development, EU regional policy and regional development of the Czech Republic, community planning of social services, education, support and building capacity of non-profit organizations.



Centre for Humanitarian and Development Cooperation of Diakonia CCE provides help in humanitarian

crises – currently, mainly in Ukraine, Lebanon, Myanmar, and Bangladesh. We also support agricultural development and training of farmers in Cambodia and better protection of children's rights in Vietnam in the context of human trafficking. In the Czech Republic, we provide aid during emergencies and are involved in helping municipalities prepare for emergencies.



Civic Belarus aims to support democratic initiatives and the development of civil society in Belarus. It actively shares the Czech experience related to social and political transformation. It provides trainings, consultation and financial support to

young activists and informal associations in Belarus, Poland and the Czech Republic. It is a partner of European Radio for Belarus, and it contributed to the establishment of the Belarusian Human Rights House in Vilnius.



The association Czechs Support Tibet was established in 2016 as a follow-up to previously informal activities of its members and in response to the deteriorating

domestic political situation, when top state officials moved away from their traditional support for Tibet. Through its activities, the association tries to inform Czech citizens about the situation in Tibet and China and enables them to show solidarity with the Tibetan people through meetings and cultural and educational projects.



Forum 2000 Foundation was founded in 1996 by Václav Havel together with Yohei Sasakawa and Elie Wiesel. Forum 2000 fulfills the legacy of Václav Havel by promoting democratic values and respect for human rights, developing civil society and strengthening religious, cultural and ethnic

tolerance. It provides a platform for world leaders, thinkers, and courageous individuals to share and openly discuss these issues.

GULAG-X-CZ

The **Gulag.cz Association** is concerned with the phenomenon of the Gulag prison system and the Soviet totalitarian regime. Its mission, since 2009, is to share and circulate information about the Soviet Gulag and everything connected with it, including its links to Czechoslovakia and other countries. It brings together archeological and archival research, the use of new IT technologies, educational methods and other perspectives from a wide variety of fields and disciplines.



Institute for European Policy – EUROPEUM is a non-profit independent think-tank without political affiliations and

focusing on European politics and related issues. EUROPEUM aims to contribute to the long-term development of democracy, security, freedom, and solidarity in Europe and to the active participation of the Czech Republic in the EU. EUROPEUM conducts research, publishes materials, organizes trainings and formulates new views and opinions on domestic and European policy-making.

INTEGRIA **Integria** has been a registered institute since 2023. It aims to contribute to strengthening democratic integrity, global justice and the rule of law, both in the Czech Republic and abroad, especially through research, analysis and publications, organizing seminars and conferences, advocacy and awareness-raising activities, capacity building and cross-border cooperation.



People in Need delivers humanitarian aid, runs development projects and supports efforts to democratize and respect human rights. Its Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

assists politically persecuted individuals, human rights defenders and their families, offers support to pro-democracy groups, NGOs, civil society organizations, independent media and journalists working in repressive regimes.

Transitions

Transitions is a civic association whose main goal is to promote the development of independent journalism in thirty-one post-conflict transformation countries, mostly those with a communist past. It pursues these objectives mainly through the publication of its online magazine Transitions and by implementing training, monitoring and international exchange projects for journalists.



We are a non-governmental **anti-corruption team** that in-

vestigates both large international and small regional cases. We promote effective systemic solutions. We protect public budgets. We save billions of Czech korunas for our fellow citizens. Through our projects, we educate civil society, the public and private spheres about corruption. We provide free legal advice to the public. Through our global network of Transparency International offices, we share international expertise wherever it is needed.

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