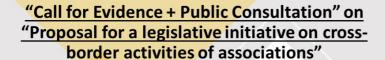
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# **NEWS ALERT**

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Deadline: 28th October 2022

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Current rules create obstacles, such as additional registrations, when associations operate across EU borders.

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#### **Political background**

In February 2022, the European Parliament adopted a legislative initiative resolution with recommendations for the European Commission to work on and ensure a clear and coherent set of rules for a statute for European cross-border associations and non-profit organisations (NPOs). This resolution consists of a request for two legislative proposals:

- 1) a Regulation to create the legal form of a "European association", and
- 2) a Directive harmonizing common minimum standards for NPOs(Non Profit Organisations/VOs).

In May 2022, the European Commission replied to the European Parliament that they commit to working on a legislative act that upholds the principles of proportionality, subsidiarity and better law-making.

At the beginning of August 2022, the European Commission published a Call for Evidence and a Public Consultation to gather stakeholders' views and comments. **The deadline for input is** 

### 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

More specifically, the objectives of this initiative are the following:

- 1. Helping associations access the freedoms of the Single Market (freedom of establishment, to provide goods, services, and capital) and improving associations' capacity to expand across the EU Member States
- 2. Unleashing associations' potential to address shared societal challenges and contribute to economic development
- 3. Promoting and protecting the fundamental rights enshrined in

#### **Key dates**

- The deadline for input is 28 October 2022
- The European Commission's planned adoption of the legislative proposal is Q2 2023

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