

EurAc MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

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- Action Damien
- Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme - AEDH
- ALBOAN
- Broederlijk Delen
- CCFD - Terre Solidaire
- Christian Aid
- CNCD-11.11.11
- Commission Justice et Paix
- CongoDorpen
- Cordaid
- Diakonia
- Entraide et Fraternité
- Fastenopfer
- FH Suisse
- Foncaba
- Forum Réfugiés-Cosi
- Franciscans International
- Fundación Mainel
- Swiss Church Aid - HEKS-EPER
- International Peace Information Service - IPIS
- Jesuit European Social Centre JESC
- Liga dels drets dels pobles
- Maendeleo
- Médecins du Monde - MdM
- Memisa Belgique
- Mensen met een missie
- Norwegian Church Aid - NCA
- Ecumenical Network for Central Africa - ÖNZ
- PAX
- Pax Christi
- PMU
- RCN Justice & Démocratie
- Rete Pace per il Congo
- Save the People International SAPI
- Secours Catholique - Caritas France
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OUR MISSION, OBJECTIVES & STRENGTHS

Created in 2003, the **European Network for Central Africa (EurAc)** gathers member organisations from civil society in several European countries. These organisations work on and in the Great Lakes region in Africa and wish to tackle the structural causes of under-development and instability in the region. They support civil society organisations in **Burundi**, the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** and **Rwanda** in their efforts to promote peace, the respect of human rights and development by making local voices heard and taken into consideration by European Union (EU) policy and decision-makers at all levels.

EurAc's mission is to carry out advocacy towards the EU to contribute to the development and the implementation, by the EU and its members states, of strong and coherent policies promoting peace, inclusive political participation, the sustainable and equitable management of natural resources and the full respect of human rights in the Great Lakes region.

EurAc's strength lies in the fact that **EurAc** benefits from a solid and multi-faceted expertise in its thematic areas of work and from long-standing relations with policy and decision-makers in EU institutions in Brussels, in EU capitals and with key partners in the Great Lakes region. **EurAc** is in a unique position to monitor EU relations with the Great Lakes region and to send clear and fact-based messages that can shape the EU agenda and actions in accordance with **EurAc's** mission and principles.



OUR THEMATIC AREAS OF WORK

The political advocacy work of **EurAc** is formulated along the following three **thematic priorities**:



Inclusive political participation & Human rights

Political participation and the **protection and promotion of civil and political rights and freedoms** in the Great Lakes region faces many political and security obstacles, particularly around the organization of electoral cycles. **EurAc** develops its expertise and conducts advocacy work urging the EU to enhance its policies in defense of the rule of law, a stronger and more inclusive participation of citizens (notably women, young people and marginalized groups) into politics and the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.



Peace & Security

Political and security tensions in the Great Lakes region threaten **local stability, peace and development**. **EurAc** develops its analysis and advocacy around issues of civilian protection, conflict prevention especially in pre and post-electoral process, support for security programs, including the reform of the security sector (SSR), and support for peace processes.

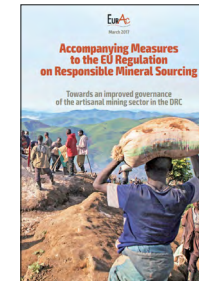


Sustainable & equitable management of natural resources

The sustainable and equitable management of natural resources can constitute a significant lever for **reducing poverty and for regional stability**. Unfortunately, rarely local populations benefit from the exploitation of this natural wealth. **EurAc** calls for a more **transparent, equitable and sustainable management of resources**, to make it favorable to the interests of the most vulnerable populations.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

EurAc produces **reports and policy briefs** and organises **public and expert events** aimed at promoting EU policies that foster respect of human rights, inclusive political participation, peace and the equitable management of natural resources in the Great Lakes region. From the issue of conflict minerals to the challenges of shrinking democratic space in the three countries of the region, we strive to make sure that the voices of local civil society are heard at every level of European decision-making process. Here are some examples of our **recent publications and advocacy events**:



EurAc successfully lobbied for the adoption of a binding **European regulation on the responsible sourcing of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas**. Through advocacy events, publications, and by working in coalition with other NGOs, we made a strong case for a regulation that works in the interests of artisanal miners and civil society in the DRC.



EurAc strives to keep peace, development and the respect of human rights in the Great Lakes at the top of the EU agenda. We routinely organize **public conferences bringing together European decision makers, civil society from the Great Lakes and Europe** to foster dialogue and international cooperation.



EurAc believes that fair, transparent and regular democratic elections are fundamental for ensuring that people in the Great Lakes make their voices heard, and that governments are accountable to and work for the interests of their people. In this regard, **EurAc** **closely monitors electoral processes and relays with civil society in the Great Lakes to make sure that all voices are heard**.