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The EU attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of human rights which constitutes a core component of the EU's external engagement.

The Commission also supports civil society organisations worldwide through its thematic programmes on human rights and democracy and civil society organisations, including actions promoting fundamental rights, civic space and culture.

The EU Delegation to Argentina publishes regular calls for proposals under the thematic programmes of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI–Global Europe). Under NDICI–Global Europe, the thematic programme on civil society organisations aims to promote an inclusive, participatory, empowered and independent civil society and democratic space in partner countries, while fostering inclusive and open dialogue with and among civil society organisations. In Argentina, these objectives are supported through regular calls for proposals published by the EU Delegation.

In addition, the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme¹ supports organisations active on fundamental rights and EU values. The programme is open to all eligible organisations established in Member States, as well as in those third countries which have concluded an association agreement with the EU for participation in that programme. This is not the case for Argentina.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-and-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-programme/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-programme-overview_en.