Support to civil society and non-state actors contributes to encouraging citizen’s involvement for a better governance and strengthening the social environment of communities it works with. Transtec contributes to fostering inclusive development processes through participatory governance approaches.

We work with civil society to raise citizen awareness of political issues, their democratic rights and the means through which they can influence their government. Some of the activities we carry out under this practice area are: capacity building, youth empowerment, citizen’s awareness raising, policy management, local development, human rights, gender equality, private public dialogue, integration.

Some examples of Transtec practice in citizenship and democratic governance are presented below.

**Sudan: Capacity Building Programme for the Sudanese Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).** The objective of the assignment is to strengthen the capacity of local CSOs beneficiaries under the EIDHR programme to improve their administrative and financial management of EU-funded projects – EU 2017-2018 – 90,000 EUR

**Lebanon: Technical assistance for the provision of Capacity Building in the framework of AFKAR III Programme.** The objective is to contribute in building a strategy for dialogue and cooperation between the public sector and the civil society to improve protection of human rights and democracy in Lebanon – EU 2016-2018 – 999,800 EUR

**Middle East and North Africa:** Regional Capacity Building Programme for Civil Society. The EU aims at contributing to increasing the influence of Civil Society in the democratic configuration, both at national level and within the Southern Mediterranean region, and to stimulate a civil society-friendly 'environment' and culture. Within this contract Transtec role is to strengthen the overall capacities and accountability of the Civil Society and facilitate their involvement so as to boost their contribution to the political and institutional framework - EU 2012-2018 – 3,998,800 EUR

**Syria:** Baytna Syria – Support to Civil Society Centre. In 2013, Denmark supported the establishment of a Syrian civil society training centre – “Baytna” (“Our Home”). The overall objective of the Baytna project is to strengthen the capacity of Syrian civil society organisations and improve their networking options. The aim is to establish Baytna as a fully self-sufficient and independent Syrian-led civil society organisation to continue to function as a hub for Syrian civil society activism in Northern Syria, capable of attracting funds and creating partnerships with a variety of smaller, nascent civil society organisations and actors to deliver capacity support and small-scale grants – DANIDA 2014-2016 – 1,790,000 EUR

**Africa:** Mapping of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). The objective of this assignment is to provide a panoramic view of CSOs on the African continent. It sets up a comprehensive database on CSOs in Africa. The study also allows the definition of CSOs based on typology according to different criteria such as CSOs intervention scale, geographical context, areas of intervention and other parameters. 54 countries are covered by this mapping study amongst them Somalia, Kenya, Uganda.

- African Development Bank 2013-2014 – 149,796 EUR
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine: Strengthening non-State actors’ Capacities to Promote Reform and increase Public Accountability to strengthen and promote civil society's role in reforms and democratic changes taking place in those countries – EU 2013-2016 – 3,390,300 EUR

Burkina Faso: Capacity Support Programme for Civil Society Organisation to contribute to improving the citizens’ participation in policy management and local development through prevention and conflict management actions, promotion of a culture of participation among all stakeholders involved in the development process at the local level, promotion of participatory and representative democracy, capacity building of authorities, promotion of social and policy dialogue at various levels of public life. Some of the activities carried out include: the identification of the CSO conditions to benefit from grants; the allocation of more than 4.4 Million Euros in grants for more than 100 CSO; definition of impact and performance indicators for the monitoring of grant actions; the creation of a database for the recording and monitoring of CSO; strengthening of consultations and dialogue between CSOs and the government; improving the visibility of CSOs and good governance; diffusion of an ethical code for CSOs – EU 2008-2013 – 9,365,669 EUR

Niger: Civil Society Support Programme (ASOC) to strengthen the Civil Society in order to participate to the building of a national, regional and local public space, through the promotion of citizenship values and of fundamental human rights, the consolidation of political and administrative reforms aimed at strengthening the rule of law – EU 2008-2011 – 4,740,500 EUR

Middle East and North Africa: Enhancing Equality between Men and Women in the EUROMED Region to promote three main priorities: support to the current dynamics that favour gender equality and promote women’s rights, and to the full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and related instruments; contribute to increased knowledge of gender-based violence and support to actions addressing its occurrence and its root causes; back up the follow-up of the conclusions and the action framework of the Istanbul Ministerial conference on “Strengthening the Role of Women in Society” – EU 2008-2011 – 4,542,000 EUR

Suriname: NGO Institutional Strengthening Programme to improve the capability of NGO networks and NGO platforms to participate fully in dialogue with the Government of Suriname and (other) non-state actors on broad advocacy issues, legislative issues, human rights discussions and Suriname’s national policies; and to develop the NGOs and CBOs capability to take part in the implementation of Suriname’s Development Process – EU 2008-2011 – 970,270 EUR

Mali: Programme to Support and Strengthen Civil Society Initiatives to strengthen efficient means of governance at local, regional and national levels, allowing an effective implication of the Civil Society in the definition of public policies and to support the efforts related to poverty reduction- EU 2005-2010 – 6,940,000 EUR

Andean Community: EU-Andean Community Cooperation acting with the Andean Civil Society to contribute to the deepening of the Andean integration process to build an Andean area of peace and democracy. This project involved civil society organisations from the four Member States of the Andean Community and fostered cooperation among them through joint projects and initiatives funded by grants in particular in the fields of human rights, gender, indigenous and afro-descendant people, environment, etc. The project also strengthened the dialogue and coordination mechanisms between CSO and Andean institutions and established permanent sector working groups within the Andean Parliament – EU 2007-2010 – 797,000 EUR

Mali: Mapping of Civil Society Organisations. The purpose of this study was to identify strong dynamics in civil society that are capable to constitute support points for the emergence of a collective voice which may play an active and recognised role in development; propose organisation strengthening processes of civil society around the issue of political dialogue and of its active implication in its elaboration, implementation and monitoring; and propose partnership axes between organisations and other active FTPs on issues related to civil society – EU 2013-2014 – 189,979 EUR