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Our multilingual protection officers are available 24/7.
If you need emergency support, we can communicate securely and flexibly.

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PROTECTDEFENDERS.EU
International and nationally implementing the EU Human Rights Defenders mechanism.

Since its launch, ProtectDefenders.eu has provided support to more than 10,000 defenders and organizations every year.
If you stand up for fundamental rights, you are a human rights defender

Regardless of whether you are a journalist, a farmer, a teacher, a committed citizen, a student, or a lawyer, regardless of your age, your background, your sexual orientation, your gender identity and expression, and of your sexuality, regardless of whether you defend the rights of a minority, the environment, democracy, the rights of your land or your community, or any other rights, you have the right not to be persecuted, attacked, or threatened.

ProtectDefenders.eu delivers hands-on assistance to human rights defenders and communities under threat. Our programmes are flexible and tailored and can be combined to provide comprehensive solutions for your protection needs.

Our programmes and staff are trained to respond to the specific needs of women human rights defenders, as well as LGBTI, in all their diversity, through differentiated, flexible, and jointly defined protection strategies.

We seek to support and reach out to those defenders who are more isolated and less connected, and those who are particularly targeted.

Emergency support

We deliver grants for urgent protection measures. At each case is different, so are the grants (medical, legal, or family support, digital, physical, or office protection, urgent relocation, etc.)

Support for local organisations and groups

We support your organisation or community to help advance your work to defend human rights, through small grants aimed at developing innovative projects or consolidating your capacities.

Shelter initiatives

We promote the creation and reinforcement of shelters for the temporary relocation of human rights defenders and their families, through funding and technical support. We also coordinate the European Union Temporary Relocation Platform (EUTRIP), which brings together entities from across the globe to exchange expertise in the field of defender relocation.

Field monitoring and advocacy

We monitor the situation of at-risk defenders on-site and carry out advocacy work to trigger adequate responses to their cases. Together, we call for an environment conducive to the defence of rights.

Check out our website for our global Index of Alerts and attacks against HRDs.