

CIVIC ALLIANCE-LATVIA STRATEGY 2022-2024

Mission: to represent the common interests of civil society, including associations and foundations, based on fundamental democratic freedoms and human rights.

Vision: Civic Alliance-Latvia is a leading organisation implementing quality dialogue with public administration and other decision-makers, creating an enabling environment for a strong, active and knowledgeable civil society at local, regional, national and international levels.

Strategic priorities:

1. Promote a supportive legal and social environment for civil society, a sustainable private and public finance model, and an efficient, transparent and criteria-based redistribution of public funding.
2. Increase civil society's influence in the policy-making process through effective dialogue with decision-makers at local, national and international level and at all stages of decision-making.
3. Strengthen civil society capacity and civic activism, while promoting good governance in the non-governmental sector.

Values:

Civic Alliance-Latvia adheres to the following values:

1. **Cooperation** - constructive dialogue with public administrations and other decision-makers, joint work and exchange between civil society actors and different sectors.
2. **Competence** - evidence-based expertise on civil society issues at local, national and international level.
3. **Leadership** - exercising leadership in representing the interests of a strong, active and knowledgeable civil society.

Courses of Action:

Interest representation - represents and defends the common interests of civil society in Latvia, including associations and foundations, at regional, national and European Union level by participating in policy development, implementation and monitoring.

Access to information - informs about current developments in civil society and advocates open governance to ensure that civil society is knowledgeable and informed and is involved as equal partners in the decision-making process.

Public participation - ensuring civil society participation in decision-making processes, encouraging civil society to engage and cooperate in decision-making processes at local, regional, national, European Union level. Aiming to develop and validate in practice a consolidated model of public participation infrastructure.

Capacity building - attracts funding for the civil sector, organises seminars and other informative and educational events, provides advice, access to educational materials.

Explaining and promoting the work of civil society to the public - representing and presenting in Latvia and abroad the work and contribution of Latvian civil society in shaping the country and the world.

Cooperation - initiates and implements activities that promote the development of cooperation between civil society and public administration, as well as other sectors, and builds coalitions to address common issues;

Promoting civic engagement in society - initiates and implements measures to raise awareness and motivation for civic engagement, and advocates for a favourable legal, financial and practical (infrastructure) environment for civic engagement.

Civic education and civic competence - initiates and implements measures to promote civic competence (a set of attitudes, knowledge and skills) in all age groups, and advocates the strengthening of civic competence at national level in order to build a strong, active and knowledgeable civil society.