

Roundtable on the Establishment of a European Endowment for Democracy

Tuesday, 24th January 2012, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Rue d'Arlon 15, B-1050 Brussels

Chair: Anne de Boer, ENoP Network Coordinator

On 15 December 2011, COREPER agreed to a revised draft of a Declaration on the Establishment of a European Endowment for Democracy. According to it, the EED *will foster and encourage deep and sustainable democracy in transition countries with an initial but not exclusive focus on the European Neighbourhood.*

With the aim to function primarily as a grant-awarding institution with direct support to beneficiaries and relevant partners but at the same time aiming for a lean structure and low operational costs, operational challenges become inevitable.

Equally, the role and responsibilities of the so far mentioned two organs: Board of Governors and Executive Committee need to be defined and decision-making processes alluded. EU institutions will be invited to participate in the Board of Governors but what kind of role is the European Parliament, for example, going to play?

The roundtable convened by the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) aims to bring together all relevant stakeholders in order to address pertinent questions and to enrich the discussion with regional and technical expertise and pragmatic ideas.

