

ECAS Membership Plan

This Membership Plan describes the services that ECAS intends to offer **free of charge** to its Members, both organisations and individuals, starting from January 1, 2018.

- ✚ Members will be able to receive directly by email the following free services to inform them about the latest updates and developments in ECAS' focus areas:
 - Daily media updates
 - ECAS' bimonthly newsletter
 - Legal updates on EU rights (sent on a monthly basis)

Members will be invited to fill in an online form and indicate which free services among the ones described above they would be interested in receiving via email.

- ✚ Members will have access to the **Members Room on ECAS' website**, a virtual space dedicated to the members which will be designed to reflect ECAS focus areas.

- ✚ In the Members Room, it will be possible for our members to upload reports, studies, articles, webinars, etc., developed by them and related to our focus areas. This would facilitate the exchange of knowledge among members and promote their visibility in ECAS' network.

Mutually, ECAS will invite its members to include its publications on their websites and/or members rooms.

- ✚ The Members Room will be provided with a **forum of discussion** that could be used by ECAS' members to find project partners or start/foster new forms of collaborations in the network.

- ✚ The Members of ECAS will also be entitled to promote their conferences, workshops and other events/activities on our website through a specific "**news section**" dedicated to our members. This would enhance our members' visibility.

- ✚ ECAS will organise an annual **informal meeting**, immediately after our annual events held under ECAS' focus areas (such as Digital Democracy Day or the State of the Union of the EU Rights), in order to discuss the latest issues, exchange good practices and think about potential collaborations among members. In case this is not feasible, informal on the spot meetings will be replaced by **webinars** (one per year for each focus area's network).

- ✚ ECAS will consider its members when selecting and inviting **speakers for events and conferences**. Mutually, our members will be encouraged to invite ECAS' staff to take part in events and conferences as speakers in the Member State in which our members are established.

- ✚ Members will be able to ask to have their **work, research, articles and activities disseminated** through
 - ECAS' social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc...)
 - a special section in the daily media updates (only for the news)
 - a Members' corner in ECAS' bimonthly newsletter

- ✚ Members that want to participate more actively in shaping the governance of ECAS can attend the annual ECAS General Assembly as Governing Members and exercise their right to vote (**according to ECAS' statute, this benefit can be granted only to ECAS' Member organisations, not to individuals**)