

ECAS Membership Plan

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

- + The new 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
 - ECI watch (sent on a bi-monthly basis)
 - Legal updates on EU rights (sent on a monthly basis)

After being officially adopted by the Board Members, the new members will be asked to fill in an online form and indicate which free services among the ones described above they would be interested in receiving via email.

- + The new Members will have access to the **Members Room on ECAS' website**, a virtual space dedicated to the members and designed in order to reflect ECAS focus area
- + In the Members Room, it will be possible for our members to upload reports, studies, articles, webinars, etc., related to our focus areas. This would facilitate the exchange of knowledge among members and promote their visibility in ECAS' network.

This will enable ECAS to be constantly updated about the work and research carried out by other NGOs and civil society organisations in its focus areas and identify new trends for future projects. Mutually, ECAS will be entitled to ask its members to have disseminate its publications on their member areas or websites.

- + 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 new 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 and will attract more traffic to ECAS' website.

- + 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 and think about potential collaborations among members.
- + ECAS will consider its members when selecting and inviting **speakers for events and conferences**. Mutually, our members will be expected to invite ECAS' staff to take part in events and conferences as speakers in the Member State in which our members are established.

-  The new Members will be able to ask to have their **work, research, articles and activities disseminated** through
 - our 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
-  The new 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**)