



# Supporting Civil Society Organisations to Fight Corruption

**PTF Europe Annual Report 2021**

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## Message from the PTF Europe Chairperson

The year 2021 was a year of transition and consolidation for PTF Europe. I am very happy and humbled to have been selected as the new Chair of PTF Europe in November 2021. I am grateful to Franz Kaps who has created and shepherded the organization from its inception and very pleased that he will stay on as a member of the Board and as our Treasurer. I am also very grateful to all the PTF Europe members and the core team of active members with whom I have had the pleasure to collaborate closely since joining PTF Europe. Similarly, I would like to thank our colleagues in Washington for their unwavering support of PTF Europe's activities.

When taking the helm of PTF Europe in 2021, my main objective was to build a strong pipeline of projects, develop a clear and focused operational niche for PTF Europe and better align ourselves to the work of our colleagues at PTF US and other PTF affiliates. Thus, we worked proactively to develop our membership, recruiting several new, younger members from diverse backgrounds; we also worked to expand our network of partners so that we are prepared when an interesting call for proposals is issued. We also initiated a reflection on our value-added in several sectors. As a result, we produced a position paper on PTF-Europe's value-added in the environment/climate change sector and initiated a reflection on a similar note on the health and education sectors. We hope to finalize the education and health notes in the course of 2022.

Looking ahead, I feel optimistic that with a good network of local CSOs and new active members, we will be able to generate interest in our work and develop new projects for implementation in 2022 and beyond. And once the PTF US Strategy has been defined, we will finalize our own Business Plan to help further chart our future path. I look forward to working with colleagues and partners in the implementation of this plan.

Haleh Bridi  
PTF Europe Chairperson



## Message from the PTF US President

PTF Europe conducted a smooth Presidential transition in 2021 from the leadership of Franz Kaps to Haleh Bridi. The global PTF family greatly appreciated Franz Kaps' leadership in establishing PTF Europe and during a period of growth in innovative projects, and we wish Haleh Bridi great success in her new role.

In the past year, PTF Europe continued to develop innovative projects to support local civil society, among the highlights are an impressive team effort on the DRL funded project on procurement monitoring in Moldova, the completion in September of the German Schmitz Foundations funded SAVE-Ghana project to reduce gender-specific regional education gaps in northern Ghana, and the start of the Norway based U4 Anti-Corruption Centre consultancy on civil society monitoring of clean procurement and service provision in the health sector.

The global PTF family works together to advance innovative, citizen-led approaches to improve governance, increase transparency, promote the rule of law and reduce corruption in developing and emerging countries.

Dirk Mattheisen  
President and CEO of PTF US



## PTF Europe in 2021 – key achievements

Project activities	Project application	PTF Europe strategic development	Networking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completed the Schmitz-Foundations-funded project in Northern Ghana in September 2021 (approx. total budget: 65,000 Euro)</li> <li>• implemented U4 consultancy on "Civil Society Monitoring in the Health Sector: acting locally to ensure clean procurement and service provision" (allocated budget: 12,000 Euro)</li> <li>• PTF Europe members continued advising on a US State Department-funded and PTF-US managed procurement monitoring in Moldova that started in September 2020 (allocated budget: 1 million USD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of project proposal for BENG0 funding (German Federal Ministry of economic cooperation and development: BMZ)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussed business plan to clarify the future modus operandi of PTF Europe and fund raising possibilities</li> <li>• developing our membership, recruiting several new, younger members from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>• preparing a paper on PTF's response on curbing pandemic-related corruption in the health sector</li> <li>• supporting a PTF US initiative to increase CSO involvement in projects funded by the World Bank's IDA window, one of the largest sources of concessional funding in the world</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continuing guest membership in VENRO, the umbrella organisation of German CSOs</li> <li>• networking, initiated by PTF Europe, with the Commonwealth Anti-Corruption Group which resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding with PTF-US</li> <li>• networking with CSOs in Western Balkans (e.g. BIRN) and Eastern Europe (e.g. Idis Viitorul in Moldova) to build a solid base for partnerships in possible future joint projects</li> </ul>

## Our vision, mission and approach

**Our vision** | We at PTF Europe believe that citizens and civil society can help resolve their countries' and communities' governance challenges and hold their governments accountable. We aim to support civil society in such efforts, primarily by strengthening their capacity, providing them with tools to strengthen their voice and visibility in specific sectors such as climate change and the environment, health (including COVID 19) and education. Our activities are fully aligned with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 16.

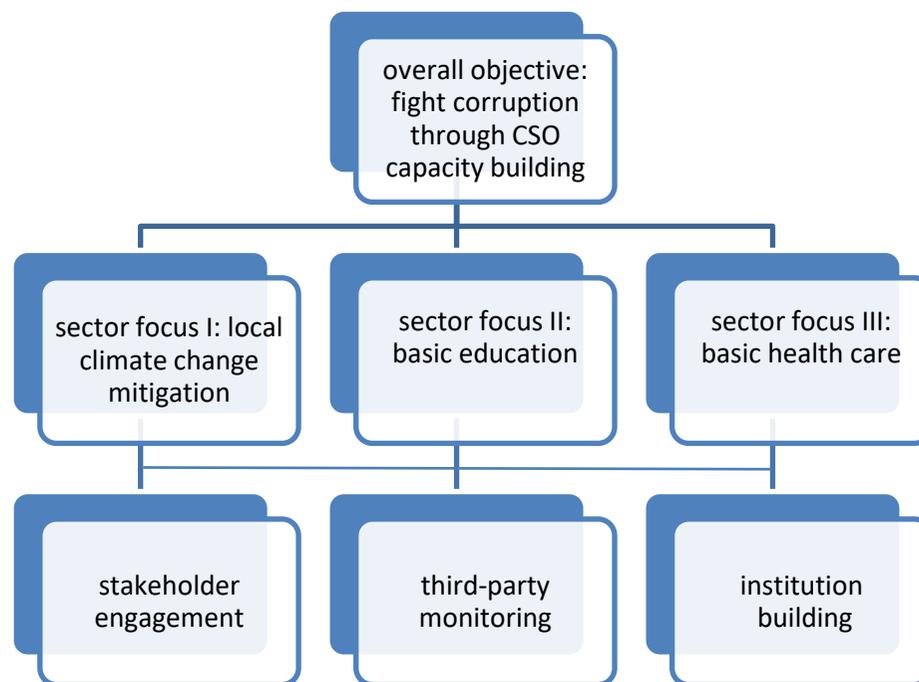
**Our mission** | As a group of retirees from the World Bank Group coupled with an increasing number of younger colleagues with experience in the governance agenda, we feel that our collective geographic and thematic experience and expertise give us a unique edge in pursuing this vision. In our careers, we have designed, implemented numerous development projects in a broad range of sectors across the world and are well placed to share our experience with CSOs – especially in the field of meaningful stakeholder engagement and monitoring of public procurement.

**Our learning approach** | We adapt our approaches as we learn from challenges. As a relatively small organization with a large network of like-minded CSOs, we are agile and able to connect with relevant expertise as needs arise. Our members are operating globally. Not only since the 2020 lockdown, we are convening regularly in online sessions. We manage to connect over different time zones and continents in constructive, results-oriented online working meetings.

## Our sectoral focus

Projects supported by PTF Europe are targeted towards empowering civil society to fight corruption with an aim to contribute to transparency, accountability and good governance. PTF Europe's sectoral focus is primarily on environment/climate change, basic education, and basic health/COVID19 care.

Within these three sectors PTF Europe applies its well tested tools of third-party monitoring, stakeholder engagement and institution building, with special emphasis on CSO capacity building in monitoring public procurement.



## What we achieved in 2021

### Better insight into EU institutions

**Erich Unterwurzacher, former senior European Commission official and member of PTF Europe**



The short- and medium-term impact of Covid pandemic and the geopolitical deterioration are without precedent in the Union's history. Through its NextGeneration initiative the European Union is mobilising financing never seen before with focus on sustainability and digitalisation, as well as for social protection. These funds come on top of more traditional multi-annual financial instruments, like Structural Funds, to be implemented in the years to come. Transparent and effective implementation of these funds are challenging.

The European Union has developed a unique financial control framework, comprising capacity building at national, local and regional levels for implementing Union funds effectively and efficiently, and including monitoring of spending, review and applying when necessary stringent corrective measures. Further efforts, however, are required. Integrity Pacts, involving civil society organisations and local entities might be one of the tools to monitor EU spending. It might be easily adapted to regional circumstances, funding sources and the particular challenges that a rapidly evolving environment do pose. This kind of monitoring is even today more important. PTF Europe has the right expertise to empower civil society organisations in pursuit of our common goal to fight misuse of public funds and increase transparency and accountability.

## Our input

*What resources we put into our activities*

**Strategic Input |** In 2020, PTF Europe concluded its strategy formulation process. This process included strategy discussions held during the 2017 and 2018 annual meetings, a 2019 landscape analysis undertaken by PTF Europe, providing an overview of key stakeholders and their approaches towards good governance and anticorruption, and consultations held with key PTF Europe members and PTF advisors. These discussions also served as an important input for the formulation of a PTF Europe Business Plan on which discussions are ongoing.

**Professional Input |** PTF Europe members provided professional input on operational issues (screening for funding opportunities, organisational management) and project management. Members spent substantive time on 1) finalising two projects: “Promoting Equitable and Accountable Civil Society” – PEACE in Myanmar and “BRIDGE-GAP: reduction of the gender-specific and regional education gaps in Northern Ghana”; 2) implementing a consultancy contract with the Norway based U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre on “Civil Society Monitoring in the Health Sector: acting locally to ensure clean procurement and service provision”; 3) providing professional input to a PTF-US managed projects on procurement monitoring in Moldova (started in September 2020); 4) successful recruiting of new members with sectoral expertise in climate change/environment and health, in fundraising and liaising with EU institutions.

**Fees and grants |** In 2021, PTF Europe was particularly successful in fundraising. We received income from membership fees (2,600 Euro), indirect costs from the PEACE project (12,600 Euro) and a PTF US grant (17,500 Euro). This support allowed PTF Europe (1) to continue to fund a part-time Integrity Adviser; (2) to pay the contribution costs for our BRIDGE-GAP project; and (3) to apply for the U4 consultancy.

## Our outputs

*What we achieved through our activities in 2021*

**Pipeline for projects created** | To be able to quickly response to project opportunities, we needed both solid partners on the ground and solid project ideas. As a result, we have engaged with CSOs in several countries in Eastern Europe to join forces with them once opportunities arise.

**New members recruited** | We have made a deliberate effort to bring in new active members into the PTF Europe. We have attempted to diversify our pool to bring in younger talent, and individuals with relevant experience, even if they have not worked at the World Bank. As a result, I am glad that several new members have joined us and actively participate in shaping the direction of PTF Europe. We are also lucky to have our very first retired senior staff of the European Commission.

**PTF Europe's niche of expertise defined** | During the past year, we have attempted to narrow down our areas of intervention and build a clear niche for ourselves. The procurement monitoring projects in Ukraine and Moldova have given us good grounds to focus our attention on monitoring tools in general, and on procurement monitoring in particular. From a thematic perspective, we have continued to narrow down PTF Europe's value added in various sectors, starting with climate change/environment and hopefully continuing in the education and health sectors.

**Collaboration with PTF family continued** | We joined and intensively joined forces with two major PTF US initiatives: 1) supporting several working groups mandated to make recommendations toward a new PTF US strategy; and 2) supporting a major campaign to increase the role of CSOs in World Bank's IDA funded operations.

## What we achieved in 2021

### Close collaboration with the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre

#### Hady Fink, Board Member of PTF Europe until November 2021



Based on the initiative of PTF Europe, PTF US and PTF Africa concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre (CAACC) in April 2021 on mutual cooperation and training support.

As a result, PTF Europe jointly with PTF US facilitated two out of four days of a virtual training for officers of the 21 members of the Anti-Corruption Agencies of CAACC. PTF Europe shared expertise on standards in Monitoring and Evaluation as well as on stakeholder engagement. Specific focus was how these agencies can successfully engage different stakeholders, in particular civil society.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made presentations on national strategies, and the German donor agency *Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) on methods of stakeholder analysis.

This initiative was the first cooperation activity between the CAACC and PTF Europe / PTF US with intensified efforts following in 2022 and possibly beyond.



## Our outcomes

*The changes and benefits that result from our activities in 2021*

**Gender-specific and regional primary education gap in Northern Ghana decreased** | SAVE-Ghana's sequence of projects to improve primary education outcomes began with a PTF-funded project in the school year 2010-2011. Building upon this and subsequent projects, PTF-Europe supported a project financed by the German Schmitz Foundations between June 2020 and September 2021. The overarching goal was to contribute to reducing the gap in educational attainment between primary school children from the North of Ghana – especially the gap between boys and girls who attend and finish primary school. The final evaluation report concluded that indeed the proportion of children who currently attend primary school in the North of Ghana, and the proportion of pupils finishing the entire primary school cycle have both significantly increased, and the gaps between the North and the rest of Ghana, and between girls and boys, have all decreased. This is a result of three factors:

1. SAVE-Ghana's rigorous tackling of teacher absenteeism by active engagement of the village communities and revitalizing erstwhile School Management Committees (SMCs) and Parent Teachers Associations (PTAs),
2. Introduction of a mobile app to track teachers' presence in the classroom with biometric measures, and
3. Stepped-up efforts by Ghana's Ministry of Education – due to the significant investment of time and resources by SAVE-Ghana staff in interviewing and sensitizing teachers, other school personnel, and duty bearers at various levels of the Ministry of Education.

Based upon past experience, SAVE-Ghana concluded that a diplomatic approach is essential to achieve progress. At the same time, SAVE-Ghana made all different stakeholders aware that they will be held accountable by their rights and responsibilities. SAVE-Ghana's motto has consistently been that "collaboration always works better than confrontation." Furthermore, when using ambitious, cutting-edge new technology or a web-based platform, it is crucial to continuously monitor implementation and progress. This is a time-consuming and challenging process, especially in places with unreliable electricity supply and scarce technology resources.

## Our outcomes

*The changes and benefits that result from our activities in 2021*



### **Civil Society Monitoring in the Health Sector: Taking stock of the Partnership for Transparency Fund's work to ensure clean procurement and quality service provision**

In 2021, the Norway based U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (<https://www.u4.no/>) commissioned PTF Europe to produce a “Practice Insight” publication. This “Practice Insight” examines and summarizes PTF experience across 15 projects with civil society organizations that PTF implemented in seven countries around the world between 2006 and 2020.

The assessed projects deal with transparency, accountability and integrity issues in the health sector. The “Practice Insight” consolidates the strengths and weaknesses of the projects as they apply the PTF approach and draws out critical learnings as regards establishing partnerships, working with beneficiaries, engaging those in positions of authority, and overall project design.

This “Practice Insight” serves not only as a tool for continued improvement of PTF practices and draws attention to PTF's unique development approach, but can also be used by other organisations that are engaged with CSOs working on issues of transparency, accountability and integrity in public service delivery and procurement monitoring.

Publication of the “Practice Insight” is anticipated sometime in the second half of 2022.

## Our outcomes

*The changes and benefits that result from our activities in 2021*

**Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova through cooperation with Civil Society** | The project aims at supporting procurement reforms in Moldova that will increase transparency and fairness of public procurement through empowering citizens to hold relevant institutions accountable. This will be accomplished through training civil society organizations to serve as watchdogs by monitoring public procurement through the e-platform and other means. The procurement monitoring will be done by sub-grantee CSOs and journalists organizations trained under the program and supported by PTF Europe and IDIS, a Moldova CSO.



The project is financed by the United States Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour (DRL) in the amount of \$ 987,000. It started in September 2020 and is managed by PTF US partnering with PTF Europe and IDIS Viitorul in Moldova.

A project implementation plan, spelling out the responsibilities of PTF and IDIS, and a preliminary training curriculum is being developed and agreed between PTF and IDIS teams. A monitoring and evaluation plan for the project has also been developed and agreed with DRL.

Moldovan CSOs with previous experience in monitoring have been engaged to write up case examples to share with trainees under this project. The training was completed by the end of 2021, after which the monitoring phase started. The project as a whole is expected be completed by June 2023.

## What we achieved in 2021

### Lobbying for more civil society engagement in World Bank projects

**Haleh Bridi, chairperson of PTF Europe since November 2021**



In 2021, PTF Europe actively supported a PTF-US initiative to increase CSO involvement in projects funded by the World Bank's IDA window. The International Development Association (IDA) is the part of the World Bank that assists the world's poorest countries by providing zero to low-interest loans and grants for programs that boost economic growth, reduce inequalities, and improve people's living conditions.

PTF Europe's effort is based on the premise that the risks of corruption increase tremendously with the huge volumes of assistance provided under IDA following the COVID-19 pandemic. The involvement of CSOs in implementing IDA-funded projects would reduce the risk of corruption and improve the projects' impacts. This is a long-term campaign which we hope will result in increased direct CSO participation in IDA-funded projects overtime.

## Our lessons learned

*The lessons learned that result from our input, outputs and outcomes in 2021*

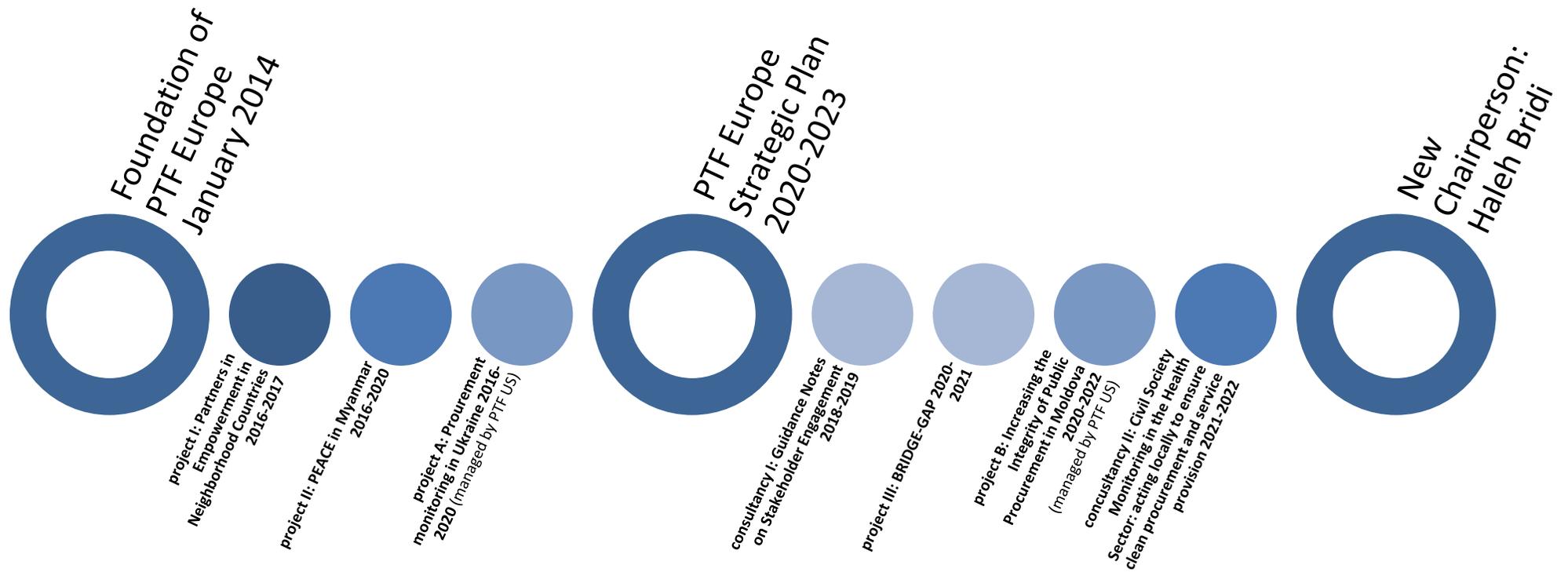
**The importance of having a diverse and active membership** | Looking back at 2021, one thing that became very clear is the need to broaden PTF Europe's membership to include diverse skills and backgrounds, and to ensure that new members are proactive, engaged and committed to PTF Europe's mission and values. We have therefore worked hard to enrich our membership with new members who are both older and younger, with relevant skill sets and who are actively participating in shaping our work program and activities. We expect to continue these efforts intensively so as to benefit from a solid and dynamic pool of members.

**The importance of having solid partners on the ground** | We also understood the need to reinvigorate old partnerships and identify new ones with CSOs on the ground. As we start working on new Calls for Proposals, it became clear that we were spending too much time looking for the right local and international partners. By the time we found them, it was often too late, and the time left for proposal preparation was much reduced. We therefore decided to develop a solid network of partners both within our countries of operation and elsewhere with whom we can develop arrangements before we decide to join calls for proposals.

**Being clear on PTF Europe's niche** | A third lesson learned from 2021 consists of the need to narrow down PTF Europe's niche of engagement and to be more specific on PTF Europe's value-added and potential contribution to various types of projects. Given the increased qualifications of our partners, PTF Europe needs to be more selective and develop a niche for which the organisation will become well known and respected.



## Our track record



## What we achieved since 2014

### A stable membership – a good track record – a dynamic organisation

#### Franz Kaps, PTF Europe chairperson until November 2021



After close to 8 years of service, I have decided to no longer run for the office of PTF Europe Chairperson during the 2021 Annual Membership Assembly.

Following a time-consuming start to obtain the status of “not-for-profit” association under German corporate law, the seven original PTF e.V. (now called PTF Europe) members met in October 2013 in Munich to constitute our association. On 25 January 2014, we were incorporated in the Munich Court Registry and thus became a legal entity. In May 2014, we became eligible to compete for EU calls for proposal.

We now have 30+ members spread around Europe. It is a good blend of World Bank retirees, like the bulk of the PTF US membership, and younger anti-corruption and good governance “activists”.

Originally, our focus has been on “CSO capacity building to monitor public procurement”, with Ukraine the pilot country. This experience is now replicated in Malawi and Moldova. Newly recruited members bring in expertise in the environment/ climate change as well as health/COVID 19 sectors where misuse of public funds is widespread. We are convinced that our CSO capacity building efforts to monitor public procurement and ensure stakeholder engagement will yield positive results.

## What we achieved since 2014

### **A stable membership – a good track record – a dynamic organisation**

In 2020, we became eligible for grant support by the German Development Cooperation, with a girls' education program in Northern Ghana the first project, hopefully opening the way for future support.

Since 2014, we learned our lessons when applying for several EU calls for proposal. These “lessons learned” are now being translated into a PTF Europe Business Plan which should set the stage for better preparation in future calls for proposal, often in cooperation with PTF US and our PTF affiliates in Africa, East and South Asia.

The time has come to hand over the PTF Europe chair to a younger generation. I remain fully committed to the PTF “agenda” and plan to remain closely associated with PTF Europe in the coming years.

## Our plans for 2021 and beyond

**Toolboxes for public procurement monitoring and citizen engagement further developed** | PTF Europe aims to build upon its tested approaches in the field of third-party monitoring and stakeholder engagement. Overall aim is to further develop existing toolboxes to be offered to potential donors and partner CSOs, including in the environment/climate change, health/COVID-19, education and energy sectors where PTF Europe/PTF have strengthened their “in-house” expertise.

**Subcontracts and grants won** | PTF Europe, often with the support of PTF US and in cooperation with its Asia, Africa and India affiliates as well as like-minded CSOs, aims at winning (sub)-contracts and grants from the EU and other European donors, and actively participate in anti-corruption, rule of law and good governance projects.

**Networking further advanced** | PTF Europe aims to continue to promote cooperation with existing anti-corruption network partners and identify further such partnerships, including with like-minded European CSO umbrella networks. In 2020, PTF Europe became a “guest” member of VENRO, the umbrella organisations representing the interests of German development and humanitarian assistance CSOs.

**Local partnerships strengthened** | PTF Europe aims to continue building up the capacities and competences of local partner CSOs as was done with HELVETAS, the leading Swiss development cooperation CSO, within the PEACE Programme in Myanmar. Discussions are under way for similar PTF Europe support in, among other, Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, and Moldova.

## Our vision on fundraising by PTF Europe

*By Casey Kelso, PTF Europe member*

As PTF Europe aspires to grow its support to civil society in resolving governance challenges and holding governments accountable in developing and emerging countries, PTF Europe is sharpening its resource mobilisation strategy – based on the following elements:



**Donor assistance moves narrower, away from traditional foreign assistance work |** The political landscape that shapes official development assistance (ODA) is shifting, and many bilateral donors that provide ODA are spending less on certain thematic areas that were traditionally ODA areas, such as broader poverty alleviation. Instead, the trend is to frame engagement with CSOs with explicit civil society strategies and/or policy documents that focus more narrowly on Agenda 2030 and the specific United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators.

**Collaborative partnership in both research and advocacy creates local ownership and sustainability is key |** Bilateral agencies and ministries of foreign affairs aim to strengthen CSOs to work in anti-corruption initiatives, but now often make funds available for exerting influence in policy making and demanding greater accountability in decision-making processes. Thus, PTF Europe should engage even more with their partners in specialized policy dialogues with governments and other relevant actors, working through existing networks, building new ones where needed, communicating well with the public.

**EU is the largest multilateral donor in the world, so is the key fundraising target |** The European Commission (EC) has multi-year framework programmes including the European Development Fund (EDF). These multi-year frameworks already indicate the objectives and the funding envelopes set aside for each area, thus providing eventually fertile ground for PTF Europe.

## Our vision on fundraising by PTF Europe

*By Casey Kelso, PTF Europe member*

**Government-private sector collaborations can be further developed** | Another global trend in mobilising resources is partnership with corporate actors although this has not yet translated into substantial changes in CSO funding. Yet public-private partnerships are influential concepts in a few funding mechanisms, with increased use of competitive calls and the growing role of consultancy groups to manage funding channels.

**Our network of country partners, and the development of new partners, is key** | Supporters, whether individuals or foundations, want to hear something valuable about what PTF can offer – whether fresh new approaches to mis-procurement dilemmas, a compelling story of impact, or a unique perspective from our partners involved in project work. With our experts supporting strong partners on the ground, capturing learnings and documenting impact will be key in presenting PTF Europe externally.

## Our members

By the end of 2021, PTF Europe had a stable membership of about 30+ persons, a good mix of former World Bank staff and younger members with substantial background in governance, compliance and anti-corruption matters around the world.

## Our organizational structure

PTF Europe has a volunteer board of five members under the chairmanship of Haleh Bridi, a former World Bank official residing in Brussels, and Lars Jeurling, residing in Washington DC and Sweden, serving as deputy.

### Chairperson

elected for  
two years

### Governing Board

Deputy, treasurer and three PTF Europe members  
elected for two years

## Our new board

**Haleh Bridi**, PTF Europe chairperson since 2021

About 40 years of development experience at the World Bank, IFC and the OPEC Fund

As PTF Europe chairperson, focussing on fundraising, member recruitment and strategic planning



**Prof. Dr. Matthias Einmahl**, PTF Europe board member since 2017

Law professor at the university for police and public administration in Cologne  
and Legal counsel of PTF Europe



**Lars Jeurling**, member of PTF US since 2020, deputy chairperson of PTF Europe since 2014

Development economist, specialized in infrastructure; former World Bank official

Participation in drafting applications for EU calls for proposals, oversight over PTF Europe activities,  
strategic development of PTF Europe



**Franz Kaps**, PTF US member since 2010, Chairperson of PTF Europe 2014-2021

Lawyer, former World Bank official

Focussing on networking, treasurer of PTF Europe



**Johannes Vollmer**, PTF board member since 2021

Expertise in decarbonisation policy-making and climate action initiatives, participation in project  
development for PTF, support to drafting proposals and strategic planning, with emphasis on  
green energy and environment topics



## Our core team

**Dr. Hady Fink**, PTF Europe Board Member 2014-2021

expert in anti-corruption institutions

Contributed to the definition of core activities and strategic planning for PTF Europe



**Dr. Marie-Carin von Gumpenberg**, PTF Europe member since 2013, PTF Europe Integrity

Adviser since April 2019

Political Scientist and Certified Compliance Officer, evaluator/anticorruption expert

Adviser to the board in management of the daily work of PTF Europe and strategic planning



**Erich Unterwurzacher**, member of PTF Europe since 2021

Economist specialized in infrastructure, energy investment, sustainability and financial management

Former official of the OECD and EBRD, most recently at the European Commission responsible for the

management and implementation of EU Structural Funds.



**Casey Kelso**, member of PTF Europe member since 2020

Social change strategist for human rights, civic space & security, anti-corruption, and philanthropy

Providing PTF with advice on partnership-building and resource mobilisation



**Dr. Pietronella van den Oever**, member of PTF Europe since 2019, PTF US adviser since 2008  
Agronomist, development sociologist; World Bank retiree  
Manager of PTF Europe, Schmitz Foundations-funded project to address gender and socio-economic gaps in primary school attendance in northern Ghana



**Sarah Steingrüber**, PTF Europe member since 2020  
Global Health & Anti-Corruption Specialist  
PTF Europe health adviser: strategic development of health-related projects, identification and facilitation of global and regional partnerships



**Willem Struben**, Advisor of PTF since 2007 and PTF Europe member since 2017  
Former World Bank official, economist specialized in social sector development and community participation  
PTF Europe Dutch, OECD and EIB liaison, design of project proposals, focal point for Albania



**Margret Thalwitz**, PTF Europe member since 2014  
Development Economist, former World Bank official  
Providing strategy advice on PTF Europe's strategy plan and business plan



## Our finances I: balance sheet

**Assets and liabilities** | By the end 2021, PTF Europe had accumulated cash balances that included membership fees, and unspent PTF Europe and project activities. These funds were carried over into 2022. PTF Europe financial statements and records are regularly reviewed by a certified tax advisor who submits these records to the Munich tax department.

Balance Sheet				
		31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets		0 €	0 €	0 €
Current Assets				
cash balance at the bank	PTF Europe	27,131.98 €	12,297.14 €	7,728 €
	PEACE		12,257.86 €	10,416 €
	EIB	21,169.51 €	30,664.11 €	35,423 €
	Schmitz	287.30 €	509.46 €	
Accruals and deferrals		0 €	0 €	0 €
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>48,588.79 €</b>	<b>55,728.57 €</b>	<b>53,567 €</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Funds carried forward				53,567 €
Revenue reserves		0 €	0 €	0 €
Provisions		0 €	0 €	0 €
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>48,588.79 €</b>	<b>55,728.57 €</b>	<b>53,567 €</b>



## Our finances II: statement of activities

**Revenues** | In 2021, PTF Europe received the bulk of its revenues from project activities, a PTF US grant, as well as PTF Europe membership fees. These funds covered, among other, PTF Europe administrative and project costs. Besides, PTF Europe administered grants from Helvetas for the PEACE programme and from the Schmitz Foundations for the BRIDGE-GAP programme.

**Expenditures** | Roughly 44% of 2021 PTF Europe expenditures were dedicated to cover project activities of the PEACE and BRIDGE-GAP projects. Roughly 5% were administrative costs (including bookkeeping, auditing and tax advisory services).

Revenues	Expenditures
<b>Support to PTF Europe</b>	<b>PTF Europe</b>
17,507 € PTF US grant to PTF Europe	16,163 € personnel costs
2,594 € membership fees	1,696 € administrative costs
<b>Project I: PEACE</b>	<b>Project I: PEACE</b>
542 € from Helvetas Germany	207 € project costs
12,593 € indirect costs from Helvetas Germany	
<b>Project II: BRIDGE-GAP</b>	<b>Project II: BRIDGE-GAP</b>
4,080 € grant from Schmitz Foundations	13,531 € project costs
<b>Project III: EIB</b>	<b>Project III: EIB</b>
	266 € project costs (accounting)
<b>Total 37,316 €</b>	<b>Total 31,863 €</b>

## Our finances II: statement of activities

- (i) “Promoting Equitable, Accountable Civic Engagement in Myanmar (PEACE)” Programme** | The project was concluded in July 2020. In 2021, PTF Europe, as a co-applicant of the EU funded PEACE programme, received the final instalment from the lead agency Helvetas Germany. The remaining funds – indirect costs previously paid by Helvetas Germany – were attributed to PTF Europe.
- (ii) “BRIDGE-GAP: reduction of the gender-specific and regional education gaps in Northern Ghana”** | In September 2021, PTF Europe received the final instalments from the Schmitz Foundations to cover project costs of SAVE-Ghana, the implementing partner organisation. PTF Europe covered the 25% contribution costs that were required by the Schmitz Foundations.

## Support us

**Donate your time** | Are you interested in contributing to PTF Europe as a member? Are you looking for ways how to contribute to transparency, improved governance and reduced corruption? Do you want to join an innovative, growing, member-driven organization? Then donate your time to PTF Europe! We are looking for support in one of the following areas:

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