

**GISAD statement on** <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initia-tives/13538-Single-market-Proposal-for-a-legislative-initiative-on-cross-border-activities-of-associa-tions\_en</u>.

GISAD (Global Institute for Structure relevance, Anonymity and Decentralisation i.G.) is an institute in founding. GISAD wants to develop a digital system (EU-D-S) from the perspective of the citizens of Europe, which can hold its own in system competition with gatekeepers and a social credit system.

The aim of GISAD is to support the creation of a holistic Marshall Plan, as called for by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. The core of the Marshall Plan must be a digital concept adapted to civil rights and diversity. If individual measures are taken without an overall system of their own, Europe runs the risk of losing the system competition to other economic areas such as a centrally controlled China.

• GISAD's opinion is subject to the proviso that it is to be as part of an overall digital concept understood (multiple use of the same infrastructure without additional costs).

GISAD has defined three goals on which a Marshall Plan should focus:

- 1. The optimal refinement and simple exploitation of digital data, while maintaining diversity and performance-adopted involvement of all parties involved in the value creation.
- 2. The stigma-free, lifelong digital inclusion of all citizens with incentives for self-development.
- 3. The digital guarantee of the necessary state tasks to maintain security for citizens, the economy and the state, while preserving pre-digital democratic achievements.

## **Challenges:**

GISAD welcomes the EU Commission's initiative to promote the cross-border activities of associations. However, GISAD rejects the principle of limiting the activity to the EU territory. In the context of digital transformations, geographical borders will play an increasingly minor role. What remains are the borders of language areas and values. In particular, the Chinese expansion strategy of its values through the Social Credit System forces an international response. The European concept of diversity and sovereignty of its member states can become a global model for digital democracies. Associations are the pillar of democratic values. GISAD proposes the creation of one cooperative per linguistic area of the EU to operate the EU-D-S. This covers the entire European geographical area. Associations should play a leading role within the EU-D-S cooperatives.

The first GISAD statements on the social economy can be found at <u>https://gisad.eu/de-eu-initiative-eu-ak-tionsplan-fuer-die-socialwirtschaft/</u> and <u>https://gisad.eu/en-the-eu-d-s-in-relation-to-the-social-economy/</u> and <u>https://gisad.eu/collective-call-to-grant-limited-profitability-enterprises-a-legal-meaning-and-ensure-a-fair-competition-with-private-undertakings/</u>

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## Against this background, GISAD proposes the following measures:

- Introduce the EU-D-S with one cooperative per language area as operator.
- Easy way for associations and the social economy to become a member of one or more cooperatives.
- Participation of associations in a values advisory board with a right to veto decisions affecting democratic values.
- Development of the legal framework of a Digital Union in which associations from non-EU countries belonging to the respective language area and living in a country with a democracy index above 5.5 can also participate. Against this background, development of framework conditions for the social economy.
- Opening up the Digital Union to cooperatives that are responsible for languages that are not spoken in the EU.

