

Significance of NGOs for the EU



What are NGOs?

Non-profit, voluntary citizens' groups, principally **independent from government**, which are organised on a local, national or international level to address issues in **support of the public good**.

Private or public sector?

Most famous NGOs:

Save the Children
Doctors without borders
Amnesty International
Oxfam International
The Danish Refugee Council

NGOs are recognised as key **third-sector actors**, crucial for their role in development, human rights, humanitarian action, gender equality, the environment, and many other areas of public action.

Importance of NGOs in the EU

POLICY INFLUENCE

NGOs play a crucial role in **shaping EU public policy** by:

- Advocacy and Lobbying.
- Providing valuable data, research, and expert opinions to inform policy decisions.



SERVICE DELIVERY

NGOs deliver **essential services** through projects addressing social well-being, human rights, education, environmental protection, etc.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

NGOs engage the public by:

- Raising Awareness: Educating citizens about important issues.
- Mobilizing Communities: Encouraging active participation in civic activities and democratic processes.

