

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0085/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Missing NGO legal framework in Malta

Malta, which will become a member of the EU on 1 May next, has no legal framework for the regulation of non-governmental organisations. This is hindering established NGOs, including non-governmental development organisations with an excellent track record, from developing their full capacities. Such a framework would enable them to participate meaningfully in partnerships with other European NGOs.

Should not the Commission put pressure on the Maltese government to set up the necessary legal framework without further delay? This would be a step in the right direction in recognising the expertise and mandate of all established NGOs, including NGDOs working in the international development field, and offering all the necessary support for NGOs and NGDOs to continue and further their global solidarity work.