

To the Hungarian Government

To the President of the European Commission

Attn: Hungarian Representation in Brussels

Hungarian Government actions against independent NGOs



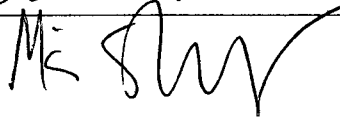


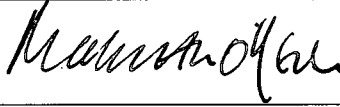


The following NGOs representatives in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) are expressing their concern regarding the attempts of the Hungarian Government to accuse the four NGOs that helped Norway disburse the grants for civil society of political meddling. We condemn the sending of the government control institutions to raid the offices of four non-governmental organizations on Monday, June 2nd.

The Government Inspection Authority has questionable legal right to audit our Hungarian colleagues as they do not administer Hungarian public funds.

We, representatives of civil society in EESC, ask the Hungarian Government to stop the actions against independent NGOs and this political and administrative harassment.

We ask the European Commission President to analyse and react on this act of intimidation towards independent NGOs and interference in their activity.

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