

COMPARISON OF “COMPACTS” IN CROATIA, ENGLAND, AND ESTONIA

Topic	Croatia	England	Estonia
Roles of the Government and the NGO Sector	Government sees itself as handing over part of its affairs to the NGO sector by having them provide certain social services	Envisions the maintenance of separate delivery of public policy and social services by both the Government and NGOs.	Sees the two entities as “partners.” Does suppose the transfer of services to the NGO sector.
Funding	Envisions partial or complete funding from state or local budgets.	Suggests, “strategic funding” to ensure the continued capacity of NGOs, possibly to include promotion of multi-year funding.	In addition to calling for financial support for the sector from the budget, the draft also calls for a tax system that is beneficial to civic society. Also calls for infrastructure support
Policy Development and Consultation	Possible mechanisms include comments by NGOs on new legislation, consultation with Government during design of the National Program,	Encourages consultation between Government and NGOs on policies and procedures that would impact the NGO sector, particularly where Government is proposing new responsibilities for the sector, such as delivery of statutory services.	Calls for cooperation on many different levels including drafting of policies and legislation. This includes providing information to NGOs.
Codes of Good Practice	Development of a code of good practice on the principles of transparent financing is called for in the document.	Envisions the developments of Codes of Good Practice for funding, policy development and consultation, and also for the operation of NGOs, including minority and faith-based organizations.	Government will draft a code of good funding practice and the NGOs will draft a Code of Ethics for the sector. Together both sectors will write a Code on Good Cooperation Practices.
Implementation	Calls for specific legislation to define the capacity and context of NGO acting – creating legal frameworks for obtaining public benefit status and for distribution of government resources. Also calls for annual reviews.	Calls for annual reviews by both Government and NGOs on progress and the development of the Codes. No specific legislative initiatives are proposed.	Calls for designated units or people in all relevant agencies to handle cooperation, contract negotiations with NGOs, and civil studies curricula.
Local and Municipal Government	Local governments will be “called upon” to adjust the program to their specific circumstances	Invites local government, as well as other public bodies, to “adopt and adapt” the Compact, but does not require any action.	Says Government will involve NGOs in drafting regional policies, but doesn’t mention independent regional policies.
Resolution of Disagreements	Not mentioned	Provides for mediation	Not mentioned