



PRO BONO ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

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The impacts for us were quite practical and immediate. We are now better informed and will function more effectively as a global NGO.
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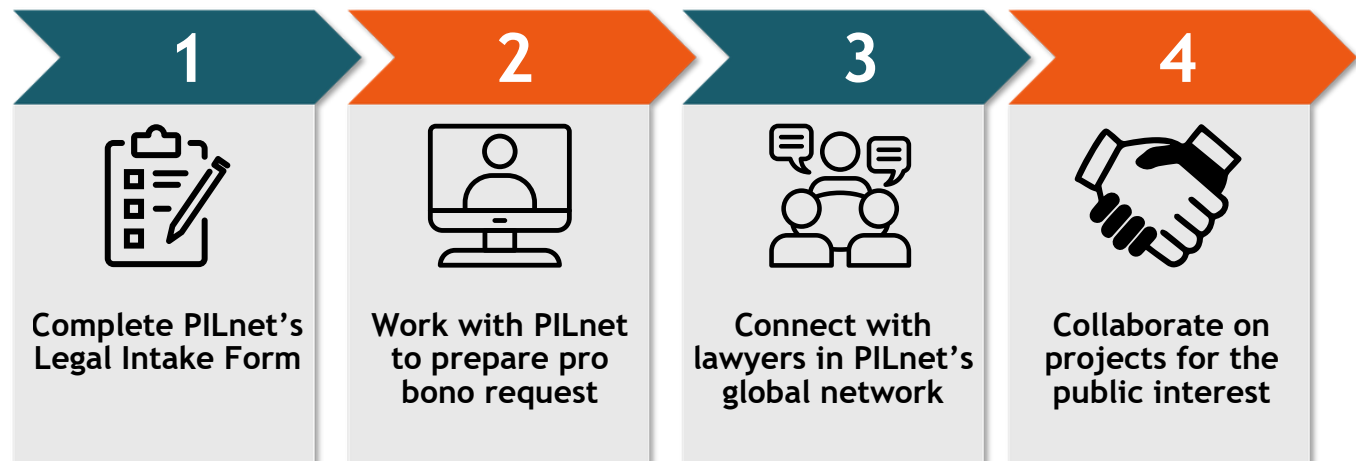
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FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

PILnet collaborates with civil society organizations around the world to arrange free legal assistance from volunteer lawyers from top global firms who have the relevant skills and expertise to bolster their operational health and resilience and to advance their missions. PILnet's services are available to all public interest/social justice organizations, charities, social enterprises or community groups that are independent, nongovernmental and nonprofit in need of access to pro bono services.

Legal assistance is offered in English, Russian, Hungarian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese.

Follow these simple steps to join PILnet's network and start to receive free legal assistance.



RECEIVE PRO BONO

PILnet works with civil society organizations to pinpoint their needs and connect them with a qualified pro bono lawyer, at no cost.



EXAMPLES OF SUPPORT OFFERED

Legal Resilience & Operational Health

Programmatic & Advocacy

Individually Tailored (Clearinghouse)

Review of contracts and policies, legal health check, trainings and capacity building, strategic legal advice.

National/multijurisdictional legal research, background research to support policy advocacy, litigation support and amicus briefs.

Open Tools and Resources

Guides for NGOs on registration, banking, sanctions, employment, and more.

Multi-country legal research, legal surveys, impact litigation, legal community education.

If you have questions about getting legal assistance, please contact PILnet at clearinghouse@pilnet.org.

RESOURCES

PILnet, in collaboration with a vast network of partners, empowers civil society worldwide. For a full library of resources, [visit our website](#).

GLOBAL NONPROFITS GUIDE

The [Global Nonprofits Guide](#) helps organizations find a suitable location and navigate the laws of your chosen country throughout their whole lifecycle. The aim of the guide is to strengthen the resilience and autonomy of nonprofit organizations by providing an easily accessible and user-friendly platform on nonprofit law around the world. This resource is developed by PILnet, DLA Piper, and ECNL.

BANKING GUIDE

This series of [guides on banking conditions](#) in European countries are a resource for civil society organizations that wish to open a bank account in select countries or compare banking conditions between countries. The guides are brought to you by PILnet and the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL).

EMPLOYMENT COMPASS

PILnet, together with Eversheds Sutherland and other partners, developed a [Global Employment Compass](#) that aims to strengthen the resilience and autonomy of nonprofit organizations by providing an easily accessible and user-friendly guide on employment laws in numerous jurisdictions worldwide.

FORCED DISPLACEMENT

PILnet, as the coordinator of the [Global Refugee Forum \(GRF\) Legal Community Pledge](#), is at the forefront of mobilizing the legal community to work with and for refugees and other forcibly displaced people globally. PILnet has built tools to support the growth of refugee rights pro bono in Europe and other regions around the world, including a refugee rights pro bono 'Top Tips' documents for [NGOs](#).

CRYPTOCURRENCY AND NFTS

To help CSOs better understand the opportunities and risks involved in working with cryptocurrencies and NFTs, PILnet and several law firm partners, with special support from DLA Piper, have launched [a series of guides and webinars on the legal regulation of cryptocurrencies and NFTs](#) in selected countries and jurisdictions.

PILNET GLOBAL FORUM

Held every year in a different city, [PILnet's Global Forum](#) convenes around 400 lawyers and members of civil society from around the world to forge alliances and develop strategies for using the law to protect civil society and the communities they serve. The PILnet Global Forum features presentations, interactive workshops, social events, and structured networking opportunities for attendees to learn from one another and to form collaborations to help make our societies stronger and more resilient.



ABOUT PILNET

PILnet is a global nonprofit organization that partners with legal professionals and NGOs globally to protect civic space, address global challenges, and work to build just, equitable and sustainable societies. PILnet focuses its resources and capacity across three program areas: civil society resilience, forced displacement and climate justice.

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