

FOSTERING ISRAELI-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

We are actively engaged in advancing Israeli-European relations and promote regular policy dialogues between the EU and Israel. We facilitate exchanges of decision makers and experts, thus introducing each other's viewpoints into the public discourse.

- Maintaining an Israeli-European policy network
- Studies of European Integration



THE FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG IN ISRAEL



The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a private German independent political foundation established in 1925. Active in Israel since the late 1950s, the FES opened its own office in 1978. Since then, we have been committed to strengthening German-Israeli and European-Israeli relations, keeping the remembrance of the Shoah, promoting social justice and social democracy. As a "think and do tank" we closely collaborate with local partner organizations to jointly develop projects in the spirit of democracy, gender justice and an inclusive shared society.

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ISRAEL OFFICE

WORKING FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRACY



Promoting Social Justice

Strengthening Labor Relations

Supporting a Shared Society

Advancing Gender Justice

Enabling Peace and Security Dialogue

Building Israeli-German Alliances

Fostering Israeli-European Relations

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OUR WORK IN ISRAEL

PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice on the basis of equal social rights and standards is a central pillar of our work. In our projects we cooperate with economists and social experts to develop new ideas how to cope with Israel's huge social and economic challenges. Our aim is to develop socially just concepts for policy and position them in public discourse.

- Capacity building for young Jewish and Arab political activists
- Training programs for promoting interdisciplinary and pluralist economics at universities
- International networking of civil society activists and politicians on social economic challenges

STRENGTHENING LABOR RELATIONS

Strengthening trade unions is one of the core tasks of FES-activities worldwide and in Israel. Together with the Histadrut, Israel's trade union federation, and other partners, we promote social justice, train unionists, analyze social policy and improve the dialogue between employers, employees and the state.

- Exchange programs between young Israeli and German trade unionists
- Dialogue between trade unions from Israel and other countries
- Conferences and workshops on decent work standards

SUPPORTING A SHARED SOCIETY

As a social democratic political foundation we strive to establish a society in which all individuals have equal rights, equal accessibility to resources and all contribute to society. In cooperation with a number of Israeli NGOs we are working on the development of a concept and action plan for a shared society in Israel.

- Establishing practically oriented partnerships and cooperation between neighboring Jewish and Arab communities
- Promoting public debates about the concept of a shared society
- Building networks of young Jewish and Arab leaders who are interested in shaping a better future for Israel together

ADVANCING GENDER JUSTICE

The situation of women in Israel has improved over the past years; in some fields of life a significant positive change can be noted. Nevertheless, the gap between men and women remains large. As gender issues are often neglected in the public discourse, we regard it as part of our role to support activities which contribute to the empowerment of women and to the improvement of their status in Israel.

- Raising awareness for gender inequality and the necessity to minimize it
- Training for women leaders on political participation and gender equality

ENABLING PEACE AND SECURITY DIALOGUE

The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is still on-going. In our work we want to ensure that voices for peace do not fall silent – even in times of crisis. Furthermore, we strengthen political, economic, social and cultural ties between Israel and its neighbors.

- Developing alternative security concepts
- Supporting dialogue and analysis to encourage the Israeli-Palestinian diplomatic process
- Increasing the acceptance of a two-state solution in Israeli society

BUILDING ISRAELI-GERMAN ALLIANCES

Since the late 1950s, we play an important role in fostering the dialogue between Israel and Germany. The German-Israeli relations are shaped by the legacy of the Shoah and are special and complex. Against this background we encourage and strengthen cooperation between both countries wherever possible in order to build a future of continued friendship and mutual understanding.

- Exchange programs between young leaders
- Regular meetings between politicians from both countries
- Passing on the memory of the Shoah to the next generations

