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EDITORIAL

The legacy of universal abolition

Our Honorary President, who guided us for so many years, has passed away, leaving a huge void. Robert Badinter was not only the man who brought about the abolition of the death penalty in France, he was also, through his unwavering commitment to ECPM, the driving force behind the universal abolition of the death penalty and the fight to make it the foremost human right on all five continents.

Building on this heritage, in almost 25 years we have become the world's leading NGO in the fight for universal abolition of the death penalty. Today, ECPM is active in over 25 countries around the world, taking its fight far beyond French borders.

Abolition can only be achieved through strong advocacy with opinion-makers and political actors in countries that retain the death penalty. This advocacy is at the heart of our work, both with international bodies (UN, ACHPR) and with the States that will ultimately be responsible for abolition. In 2023, we focused on one of the most difficult retentionist regions: the Middle East, by organizing the 4th Regional Congress in Amman, Jordan. We are thus taking up the challenge to take our values

and convictions to the countries most resistant to the very idea of abolition. We cannot imagine abolition without our partners in the field, who are the key players in abolitionist progress. With this in mind, ECPM, as part of the GloBal Consortium for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, in partnership with the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and many other partners, presents a united front against the death penalty.

Finally, since the last World Congress in Berlin, the common thread running through our activities has been our focus on young people and getting them moving. We are working in this direction with the Council of Europe and the Normandy World Peace Forum in particular, while of course continuing our numerous interventions in schools. It is now official: we will organize the next World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Paris in June 2026, at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron. In the meantime, the hard work of our teams and the commitment of our Board of Directors will continue to make our association a resolute and ambitious player in raising the voice of abolition loud and clear.



The ECPM team at the
4th Regional
Congress on the
Death Penalty,
Amman, Jordan,
July 2023.

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In figures

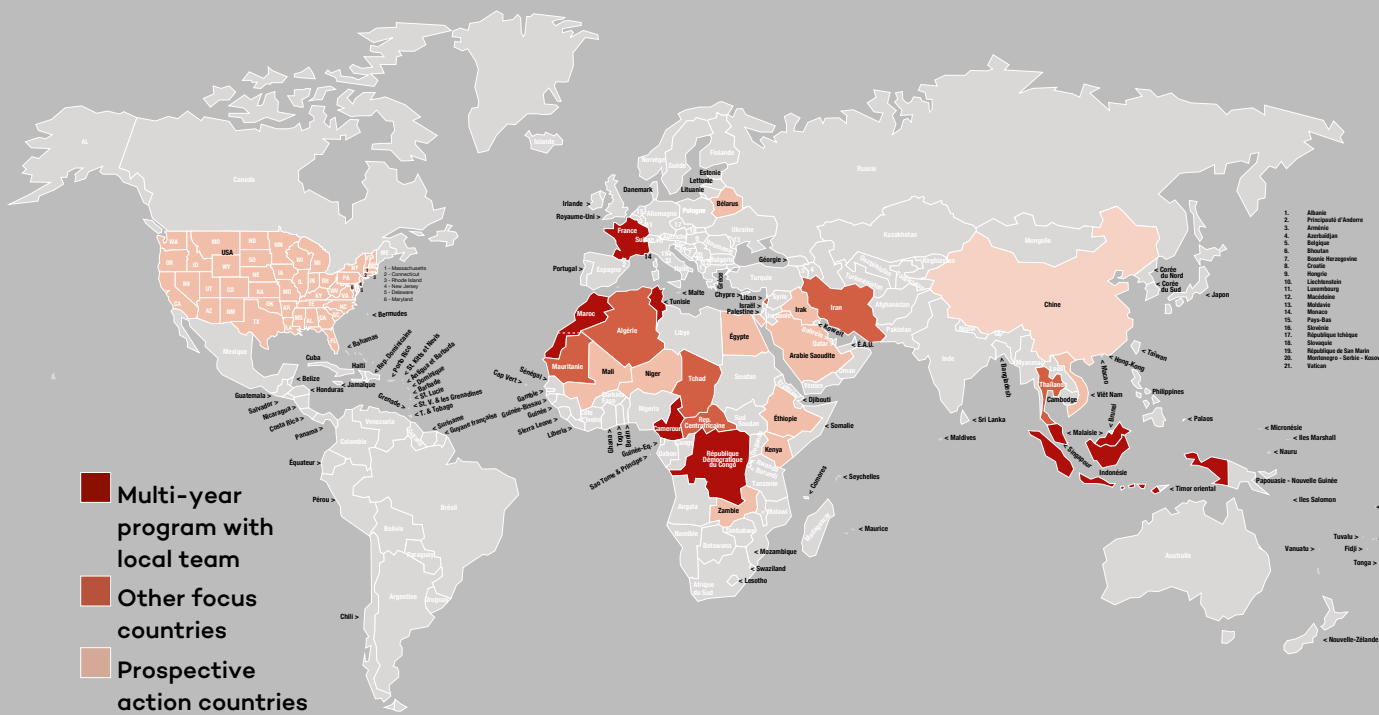


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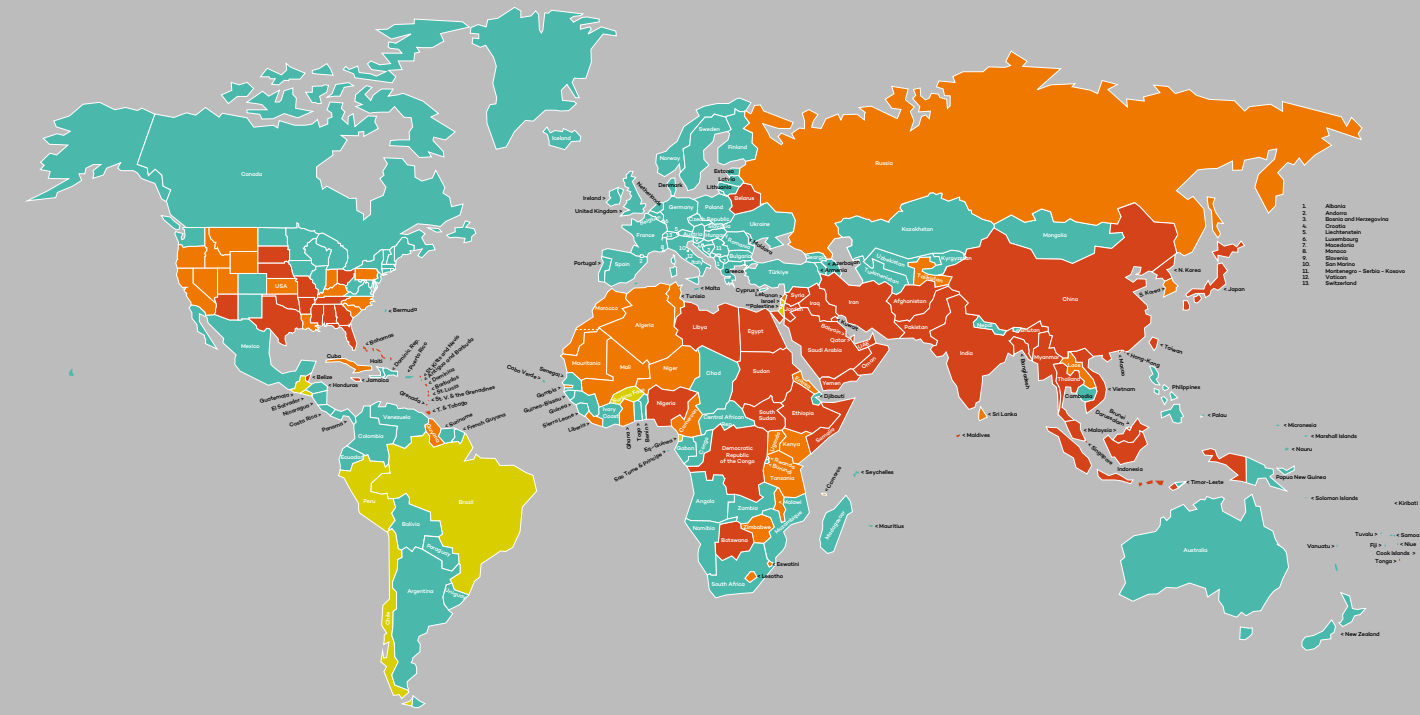
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Map of the 2020/2023 strategic plan



The death penalty worldwide



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As well as all its activists and volunteers for their commitment.

111 Abolitionist states for all crimes
 States or territories where the death penalty has been completely abolished.

10 Abolitionist states for common crimes
 States or territories where death penalty has been abolished except in exceptional circumstances.

26 States with a moratorium
 States or territories where the death penalty is in force but no execution has taken place for the past ten years and which did not oppose the latest resolution in favor of a universal moratorium on executions and/or which have ratified OP2*.

51 Retentionist states
 States or territories with the death penalty.
 * Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
 ** The case of Palestine is special: it cannot vote for the moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty is still in force in Gaza (last documented executions in 2023).

HIGHLIGHTS

The 4th Regional Congress on the Death Penalty in Amman in pictures

The 4th Regional Congress on the Death Penalty gathered together over 200 participants from approximately 20 Middle Eastern countries in Amman, Jordan. For two days, the fight for universal abolition resounded in the Jordanian capital with conferences, round tables, workshops and cultural events, bringing together abolitionist youth as well as long-standing activists from the region. To generate new ideas.



FEDERATE

4th Regional congress on the death penalty: a historic step forward

Following the Regional Congresses in Rabat, Morocco (2012), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2015) and Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (2018), the 4th Regional Congress on the Death Penalty in the Middle East took place on July 11 and 12, 2023 in Amman, Jordan. It concluded with a vibrant appeal to the

States of the region to develop of a progressive strategy for the abolition of capital punishment.

"This congress is the beginning of a new awareness in the Middle East of the need to abolish the death penalty, which the rest of the world will follow," hopes Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, Executive Director of ECPM.

Over two hundred participants from a dozen countries converged on Amman on July 11 and 12 to discuss the issue. It was the first time that ECPM and its partners, Penal Reform International and Adaleh Center for Human Rights Studies, had organized such an event.

Initiated in the run-up to the World Congress in Berlin, the work of identifying themes, speakers and participants helped to foster positive synergies between the players involved in raising awareness and advocating the abolition of the death penalty in the region, as well as encouraging in-depth exchanges on the various relevant subjects. Several exploratory missions carried out by ECPM teams helped optimize cooperation with diplomatic and civil society players in Jordan.

Speech by Amal Faqih, Executive Director of the NGO Shams (Palestine) at the 4th Regional Congress, Amman, Jordan, July 11 and 12, 2023.



Opening ceremony of the 4th Regional Congress, Amman, Jordan, July 11-12, 2023.



"Draw me abolition" exhibition, Amman, Jordan, July 11 and 12, 2023.

An Academic Committee was set up with the support of a consultant. The academic program included a plenary session on progress and expectations, four round tables on the scope of the death penalty in legislation, the administration of justice, population categories and awareness-raising, and five workshops on lawyers, journalists and the media, conflict and post-conflict situations, documentation on the use of the death penalty and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

For Haitham Shibli, Deputy Director of Penal Reform International, "the fact that Jordan is hosting a congress like this is a strong political signal that paves the way for the possible abolition of the death penalty in the country in the medium term."

The event enabled experts, including lawyers, judges, academics, NGO and UN representatives, diplomats and journalists from countries as diverse as Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Syria, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Yemen to share their expertise and build synergies.

In an unprecedented process, the final declaration was drawn up in a participatory manner and adopted unanimously by all participants. The delegates called for greater commitment

from civil society in the Middle East, and urged young people to mobilize strongly to achieve universal abolition as quickly as possible.

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran



ADVOCACY / STRENGTHEN

Maghreb

Strengthening advocacy and regional synergies

In 2023, the Maghreb Network Against the Death Penalty carried out a series of joint advocacy missions in three countries of the region. ECPM supported the preparation of each of these missions, both in terms of content and form, in conjunction with the host country's organization and other members of the Maghreb Network.

Officially launched in December 2019, the Maghreb Network Against the Death Penalty comprises the Association Mauritanienne des droits de l'Homme (AMDH), the Coalition tunisienne contre la peine de mort (CTCPM), the Coalition Marocaine contre la peine de mort (CMCPM) and the Ligue algérienne de défense des droits de l'Homme (LADDH). Delegations made up of representatives from each member organization exchanged views with civil society on the state of the death penalty at national, regional and international level.

Morocco 2023 was marked by the finalization of the fact-finding mission on the situation of the application of the death penalty and the mission report, as well as by the organization of various advocacy, mobilization and awareness-raising activities. In January 2023, ECPM and the Moroccan Prison Organization (OMP), in conjunction with the CMCPM and the CNDH supported the organization by the Network of Lawyers Against the Death Penalty of the

final of the moot competition in Rabat. Eighteen candidates, including eight women lawyers from the bars of Marrakech, Casablanca, Tangier and Khourigba, pleaded before Aminata Niakaté, President of ECPM, and Saida Ghazouani, a Tunisian lawyer and Vice-President of the Organization Against Torture in Tunisia (OCTT). To mark World Day, ECPM worked with the CMCPM, the OMP, the CNDH and various networks in Morocco to organize a press conference that was widely reported in the national media.

In **Mauritania** (May 2023), a delegation from the From the Maghreb network met with the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Humanitarian Action and Relations with Civil Society, as well as with the National Human Rights Commission and the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture.

In **Morocco** (July 2023), the Maghreb network met with a number of key players in the Moroccan justice system, including the Minister of Justice, the President of the Public Prosecutor's Office, the General Delegate for Penitentiary Administration, as well as the Interministerial Delegate for Human Rights, the President of the Rabat Bar Association and the President of the National Council for Human Rights.

In **Tunisia** (November 2023), Network members held meetings with a wide range of stakeholders concerned by the application of the death penalty: representatives of the Instance nationale pour la prévention de la torture, the Ordre national des avocats tunisiens, the Association des magistrats tunisiens, the Union générale tunisienne du travail, the Syndicat national des journalistes tunisiens and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Tunisia.

These meetings enabled members of the Maghreb Network to gain a better understanding of the situation in the various countries of the region and the content of existing dialogue, to envisage potential future strategies, to share their expertise and also to learn from other contexts. In some countries, they have strengthened advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty, demonstrating that such advocacy is above all carried out at national and regional level.



CTCPM press conference to mark World Day, October 2023.

including the specific issue of women, children and the death penalty. They enabled the CTCPM to involve a wide range of civil society players, including organizations specializing in the promotion and protection of women, trade unions and journalists. Awareness-raising activities were organized as part of the World Days Against Torture (June) and Against the Death Penalty (October). In addition, the CTCPM produced a range of communication and awareness-raising materials for social networks, including video vignettes featuring the testimonies of influential figures in Tunisia.

Tunisia Against a difficult backdrop, the CTCPM, in conjunction with ECPM, succeeded in organizing a host of awareness-raising activities, mainly aimed at young people, in various towns across the country, including Ben Arous, Manouba, Mornag, Mahdia, Sfax, Tozeur, Béjà, Sidi Bouzid, Kasserine, Zaghuan, Oued Ellil, Djerba and Douz. These activities have taken various forms, using different media (drawing, theater, film). They also covered a range of topics,



CTCPM awareness-raising session, Tunisia, 2023.

Advocacy at the UN

ECPM and its partners continued their advocacy work with international and international and regional human rights protection. ECPM co-signed two alternative reports on women and the death penalty submitted to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). nation against Women (CEDAW) with The Advocates for Human Rights, WCADP, Cornell Center on the death penalty worldwide, in Mauritania,

in conjunction with its partner AMDH, and in Tunisia with its partner CTCPM. In addition, ECPM and its partners in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, who had submitted alternative reports in 2022 as part of the universal periodic reviews of these three countries continued their advocacy efforts ahead of the the adoption of the reports by the Human Rights Council. They also took part in debriefing webinars debriefing webinars organized by the the Global Coalition and The Advocates for Human Rights

Awareness-raising workshop on the role of conventions in judicial decisions, December 10, 2023, Mauritania.

Mauritania ECPM continued to work on follow-up advocacy and awareness-raising. In December 2023, ECPM and its partner AMDH organized an awareness-raising workshop on the role of international conventions in judges' decisions. The workshop was attended by the deputy director in charge of promotion at the Office of the Commissioner on Human Rights, Humanitarian Action and Relations with Civil Society, from advisors to the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), as well as representatives of civil society, court clerks and law and sociology students. The program included three sessions: an introduction to international conventions and their place in Mauritanian law; a case study; the application of international conventions in judicial decisions; a round table on challenges and opportunities in the application of international standards; and finally a session on recommendations. Key recommendations made at the workshop included: training judges to understand international human rights conventions; repealing laws that contradict ratified international conventions; reducing death penalty provisions and adopting alternative sentences that respect the right to life.



6th edition of the of pleadings in Rabat, Morocco, January 2023



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Middle East

ECPM continued to develop its support for documentation and advocacy work in new countries in the Middle East, particularly in the run-up to and following the Regional Congress. ECPM worked with new local partners to produce brochures on the death penalty in law and practice in Egypt and Jordan. ECPM continued to participate in exchanges with the Bahrain working group of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty. ECPM was also invited to take part in awareness-raising campaigns on the death penalty situation in Saudi Arabia. Finally, ECPM continued its advocacy work on the death penalty situation in Iraq, and took part in a hearing organized by the European External Action Service.



Seminar actors in the penal chain, Beirut, Lebanon, October 7, 2023.

Lebanon

From October 7 to 10, 2023, an ECPM delegation was in Beirut as part of various activities organized to mark the World Day against the Death Penalty: a conference; a seminar for actors in the criminal justice system; presentations at the University; and a visit to Roumieh

prison. The delegation also had the opportunity to exchange views with various speakers, judges and lawyers, and representatives of civil society.



Visit to Roumieh prison, Beirut, Lebanon, October 2023.

Advocacy at the UN

In January 2023, ECPM co-signed an alternative report ahead of Egypt's review by the Committee against Torture. ECPM also co-signed an alternative report produced by ESOHR and Reprieve, coordinated the drafting of a summary of recommendations, contributed to advocacy meetings with various diplomatic bodies ahead of Saudi Arabia's Universal Periodic Review (UPR), and co-sponsored a side event in Geneva.

Iran In 2023, ECPM has been shedding light on the use of the death penalty in Iran since January. Iran in the context of the repression of demonstrations. ECPM and Iran Human Rights (IHR) reacted to the death sentence handed down to a binational. ECPM made several representations to the French authorities, including a meeting with the French Ambassador for Human Rights and its ECPM's partner KMMK-G.



Side event Iran on the sidelines of the Human Rights Council session, Geneva, March 2023.

Press conference for the release of the Iran report, Paris, March 5, 2023.



Publication of the IHR and ECPM annual report

Publication of the annual report IHR and ECPM ECPM and IHR have published a new annual report report at a press conference held in the press conference held at ECPM's conference held at ECPM's Paris offices and broadcast live. Media from all over the world, particularly and English-speaking media (over over 100 articles) relayed the information and concerns contained in the report. ECPM also co-organized an evening event with the Paris Bar: the 100 Voices Evening, on the evening of the press conference evening of the press conference, featuring ECPM, its partner IHR IHR, as well as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights violations in Iran.

Advocacy at the United Nations

In March 2023, as part of the Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran during the 52nd session of the

Human Rights Council, ECPM submitted a written intervention, co-signed an oral intervention proposed by Harm reduction International on drug-related death sentences, organized a side event on the death penalty in Iran with IHR and Impact Iran, and coorganized a side event on demonstrations in Iran moderated by Norway's permanent representative to the UN in Geneva. At the September session of the Human Rights Council, ECPM co-sponsored a side event with Impact Iran, KMMK-G and Minority Rights Group on women and minorities in Iran and the fight for rights. ECPM co-signed a joint shadow report with Advocates for Human Rights, IHR, Impact Iran and the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in the run-up to Iran's review by the UN Human Rights Committee.

Working with Impact Iran

As a member of the Impact Iran steering committee, ECPM was heavily involved in advocacy throughout 2023. In addition to the advocacy carried out alongside the work of the Special Rapporteur and the Fact-Finding Mission set up by the Human Rights Council, ECPM co-signed a letter calling on EU member states to collectively summon Iraqi ambassadors on March 8, International Women's Day, a press release condemning the appointment of Ali Bahreini, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN in Geneva, to the Human Rights Council's Social Forum, and a condemnation of the Iranian government's "failure to respect human rights". the wave of executions and a call for an international response.

IMPACT IRAN

ADVOCACY / STRENGTHEN

Towards progress on the Asian continent

The final year of the project “Together for the abolition of the death penalty in Central Africa and Southeast Asia” coincided with a year of progress in Southeast Asia, which saw legislative developments in the area of the death penalty. These advances represent a direct impact of the advocacy work with

training courses for lawyers, focusing on developments in the application of the death penalty. ECPM’s legal aid activities in Indonesia, in partnership with the LBH Masyarakat legal aid center, provided assistance to eight people sentenced to death, in particular the emblematic cases of Mary Jane Veloso and Merri



ADPAN training on pardon requests for the family network of convicts, Malaysia, October 10, 2023.



Training for lawyers, Malang, Indonesia, July 26 and 27, 2023.

the authorities carried out by the Asian Anti-Death Penalty Network (ADPAN), KontraS and ECPM since 2017, which have accompanied the various stages of reflection in Indonesia and Malaysia. By abolishing the mandatory death penalty, Malaysia has taken a historic step. In the wake of this abolition, ADPAN and ECPM began work on the sentence review process, organizing training courses for the families of death row inmates, as well as a national conference on best practices in this field. ECPM has also provided legal assistance to death row inmates eligible for sentence review. Finally, the work of ADPAN and ECPM was extended to the courts. With the adoption of the new penal code, KontraS and ECPM organized a series of

Utami. Merri Utami, sentenced to death in 2002, was able to obtain a pre-sentence pardon and thus benefit from a commutation of her sentence, a first in the archipelago in a case involving a death sentence for drug trafficking. UN mechanisms with the submission of their shadow reports for the 84th session of CEDAW, as well as for the 4th cycle of Malaysia’s UPR. ECPM and ADPAN were present at the Human Rights Council in November 2023 at the time of the UPR pre-session to present the reports to the diplomats present in Geneva. ECPM also published two manuals for Indonesian and Malaysian lawyers representing death row inmates. These manuals are adaptations of manuals published by the Cornell Institute.

Indonesia The celebration of World Day was also an opportunity for KontraS and ECPM to focus on the theme of “torture and the death penalty”. KontraS and ECPM organised and took part in various awareness-raising events and created content for social networks. An ECPM team joined KontraS on this occasion. The mission also provided an opportunity to visit Serge Atlaoui, a French citizen, on death row in Indonesia since 2007.

World Day celebration in Jakarta - Round table discussion on “The death penalty, an irreversible torture”, organized by KontraS and ECPM,



Family photo of participants at the Asian seminar organized in Taiwan by ECPM, TAEDP and ADPAN on May 26 and 27, 2023.

Taipei Seminar

On May 26 and 27, 2023, ECPM, in partnership with ADPAN and the Taiwanese alliance to end the death penalty (TAEDP), held a seminar in Taipei to discuss abolitionist strategies implemented on the Asian continent. 17 countries were represented: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, with approximately 60 participants. The two-day seminar provided a detailed presentation of the different local contexts and challenges in terms of the application of the death penalty, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices to be adopted with regard to the authorities and the general public, in order to advance the abolitionist debate in Asia. This seminar was preceded by a training session organized by ECPM in March 2023 at the invitation of the Taiwanese Human Rights Commission. The training focused on the role of NHRIs in the fight for the abolition of the death penalty, based on the guide developed by ECPM in 2019 for NHRIs, translated for the occasion into traditional Chinese by the Commission.



The Head of Africa/Asia Desk with members of the Taiwan Human Rights Commission at the March 2023 training session.



ADVOCACY / STRENGTHEN

Africa: stepping up actions

The final year of the project Together for the abolition of the death penalty in Central Africa and Southeast Asia on the African continent Brought project activities in DRC and Cameroon to a close and also mission in Kenya was organised, as a follow-up to the African regional seminar held in 2022.



Awareness-raising workshop for civil society actors on abolition of the death penalty in Cameroon. Doula, Cameroon, 10 October 2023.

Cameroon

In Cameroon, as part of the project, the NGO “Droits et Paix” (D&P) was able to continue its activities with young people, through interventions in schools and the international drawing competition, as well as the Abolitionist Youths Holidays forum created in 2022, which quickly became a great success with the public. ECPM and D&P continued their work to mobilize national authorities and diplomats, particularly in the run-up to Cameroon’s UPR in November 2023. It is interesting to highlight the acceptance



Meeting on the 4th cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Cameroon, October 3, 2023.

of the abolitionist debate encouraged by the project’s actors. While it was difficult to raise the issue of abolition of the death penalty with the authorities, 2023 saw a “turnaround” when Cameroon’s Human Rights Commission submitted a report on the need to abolish the death penalty to the President of the Republic. The role of ECPM and D&P was acknowledged by the Chairman of the Commission in a letter sent to the parties concerned at the time. The second sign that the taboo had been lifted on the part of the authorities was the appointment requested by the Minister of Justice in October 2023. Requests for an appointment with the Minister had been made in the past, but had been unanswered. D&P and ECPM have completed 2023 with a final training program for lawyers, in partnership with the Cornell Institute. We also developed a legal assistance activity in Cameroon, representing 10 cases.

Kenya

Following on from the successful regional seminar in 2022, a mission to Nairobi enabled ECPM to exchange views with local players in order to determine the actions to be undertaken as part of a new partnership. The mission was an opportunity for ECPM to attend the general assembly of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, which was also attended by the Congolese and Cameroonian partners funded under the project.



School intervention awareness campaigns, Lubumbashi, DRC October 11, 2023.

Democratic Republic of Congo

In the DRC, 2023 was a busy year, beginning with the finalization of training courses for lawyers by our partner Culture pour la paix et la justice (CPJ) and ECPM, and the implementation of the resulting legal aid program. Prisons were visited on several occasions, notably during ECPM missions to the country. These visits made it possible to identify certain forgotten cases, which were taken up by the lawyers. Our work with young people was also highlighted by the organization of forums for young people, interventions at which the Chairwoman of the Network of Congolese Parliamentarians Against the Death Penalty, the Honorable Christelle Vuanga, spoke. The event focused on the 20th anniversary of the moratorium on executions in the DRC, highlighting its fragility, in particular.

CPJ’s activities also included school visits and the involvement of Congolese schools in the “Draw me abolition” international drawing competition, and of young people in the Abolition Now Tour, created to coincide with the 8th World Congress in 2022. For World Day Against the Death Penalty, CPJ was once again prolific in its activities, organizing its first event outside Kinshasa, in Lubumbashi. CPJ continued to cultivate its links with European diplomats, becoming a trusted relay for them in the fight against the death penalty. It ended its year and the project with a national conference on the theme of “Increasing numbers of convictions: what future for the moratorium? & Unconstitutionality of the death penalty in the DRC”.

Finally, as every year, ECPM and CPJ were present at the United Nations for the Interactive Dialogue on the DRC, organized at every March session of the Human Rights Council. In 2023, an oral intervention was read out during the session by the President of the CPJ, in view of the various setbacks the country has experienced in this area.



Side event on the sidelines of the Interactive Dialogue on the DRC, 52nd session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, March 2023.



77th CADHP session

At the regional level, from October 20 to 23, ECPM and its Tunisian partner CTCPM took part in the 77th session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights held in Arusha, Tanzania. ECPM and the CTCPM were able to exchange views with the commissioners, representatives of states, national human rights institutions and civil society. ECPM submitted an oral intervention on the situation of the death penalty in Africa. On October 21, ECPM, CTCPM, Culture pour la paix et la justice (CPJ) in association with the Coalition d’Afrique francophone contre la peine de mort and the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty organized a side event on the sidelines of the 77th session of the ACHPR entitled: Rule of law v. death penalty: compatibility and challenges.

TEACH

Awareness raising in schools and universities

7 WINTERS
IN TEHRAN



Cinema is an incomparable medium for raising awareness. To mark the release of Steffi Niederzoll's documentary *Seven Winters in Tehran*, supported by ECPM, film debates combined with school activities contributed to raising awareness of 400 young people. Through the story of Reyhaneh Jabbari, sentenced to death and executed for the murder of her alleged rapist, the young people were able to discover the hidden stakes of death sentences in Iran.

In 2023, almost 5,000 young people were reached, mainly in the Île-de-France, Normandy and Auvergne Rhône-Alpes regions. No fewer than five witnesses (former death row inmates and their lawyers) agreed to testify about their painful experience of the cruelty of capital punishment. These witnesses took part in a series of school events dedicated to freedom of expression and religion, and the infringement of these fundamental rights by death sentences for apostasy and blasphemy.



Intervention at Sciences po Paris, France, September 26, 2023.

School activities on Iran, collège de la Pléiade, France, February 17, 2023.

Talk by Ndume Olatushani, abolitionist and former US death row inmate, to young people at Moulin Joly secondary school in Colombes, April 2023 (France).



With Europe's youth

In partnership with the Council of the Europe and the Permanent Representation of France, ECPM organized a youth workshop on "Advocacy and awareness-raising for the abolition of the death penalty" in June 2023 in Strasbourg, for volunteers, students and active members of European civil

society. This unprecedented experience gave young citizens eager to make their contribution to the process of universal abolition of the death penalty the means to realize their ambitions. Eighteen nationalities were represented among the 35 participants.

Training workshop at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, June 2023.

Normandy World Peace Forum

In September, ECPM took part for the fourth time in the Normandy World Peace Forum, which was devoted to Resistance! Bring peace back to the people. ECPM was one of the NGOs in the peace village, offering the 600 schoolchildren and high-school students from Normandy a range of activities focusing on the universal abolition of the death penalty. In the presence of Shole Pakravan and Taimour Aliassi, 140 young people attended a workshop on the political use of capital punishment in Iran.



Normandy World Peace Forum, France, September 2023.

Teaching Abolition International Network

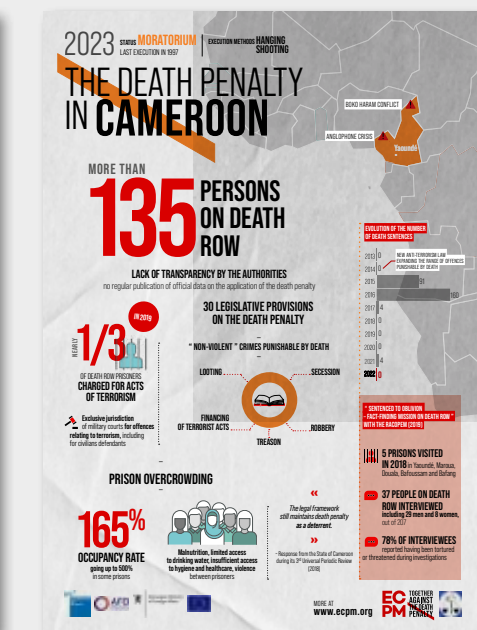
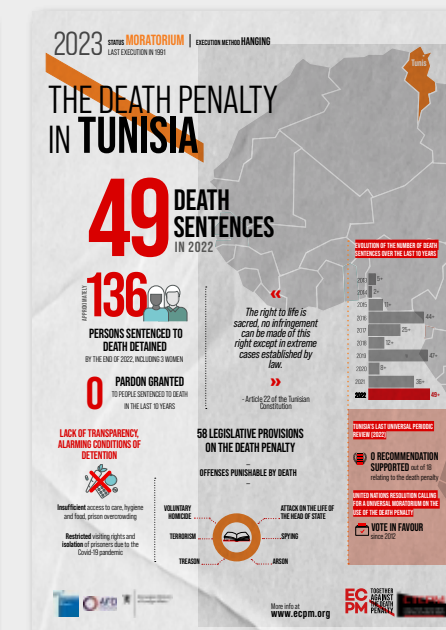
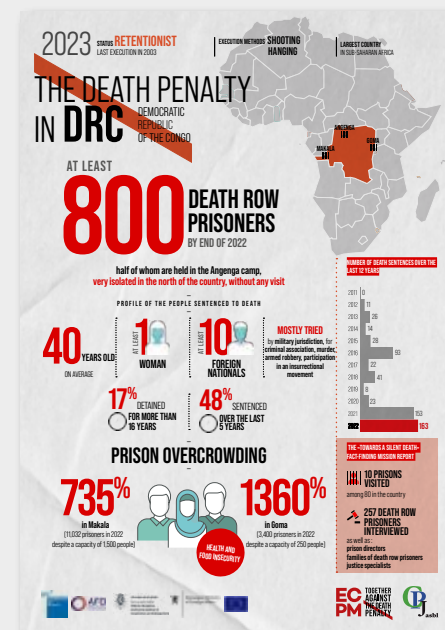
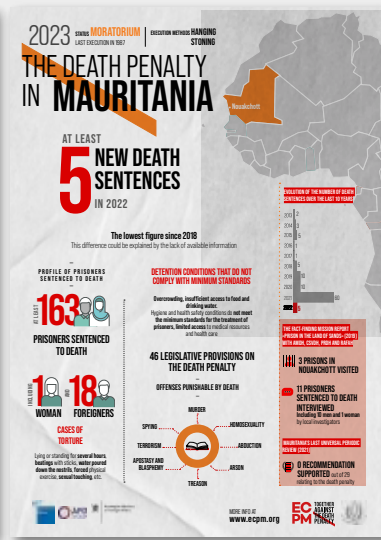
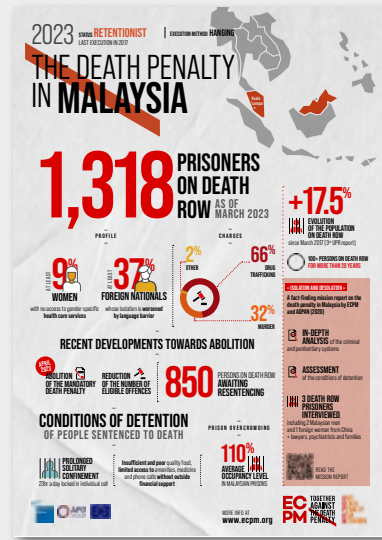
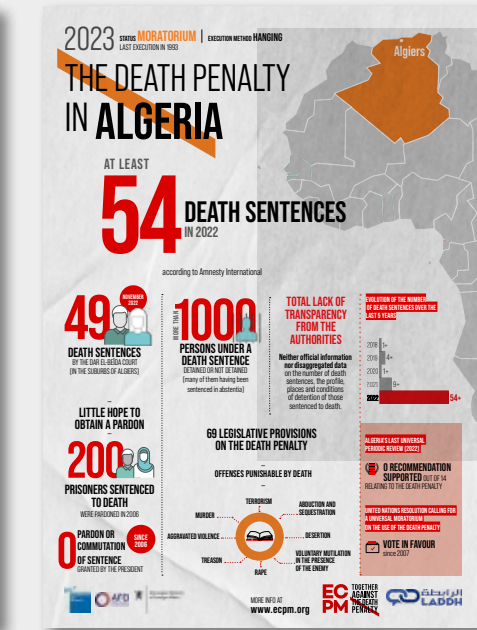
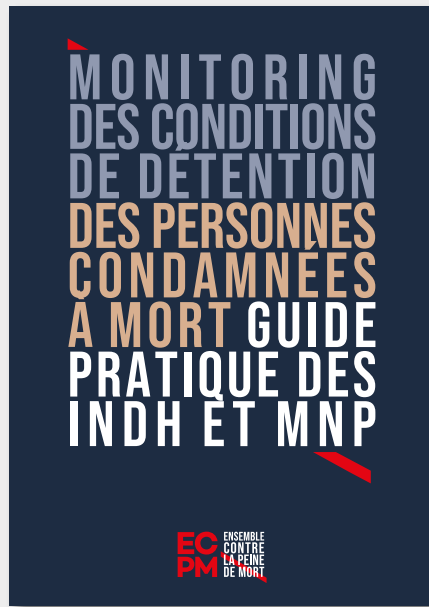


RIEA workshop, May 2023 (Taiwan).

As part of the activities of the Teaching Abolition International Network, two capacity-building workshops for abolition education actors were organized in May 2023. One in Taiwan, the other in the DRC. The first provided an opportunity to translate the Network's activity sheets from Arabic into Mandarin, and to compare, question and improve teaching practices. The second laid the foundations for a pedagogical guide to abolition education based on the Congolese context, for greater relevance with the classes in which the project team works.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2023, ECPM produced a number of publications: two reports on the situation of the death penalty (Iran and Morocco), seven new brochures on the death penalty in law and practice (Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Jordan, Iran, Egypt, Lebanon), a series of infographics and animations, as well as two best practice manuals for lawyers, a practical guide for National Prevention Mechanisms (NPMs) and a pedagogical guide to abolition education.



THE ASSOCIATION

A look back at Robert Badinter's commitment alongside ECPM since 2001

Robert Badinter has been with ECPM since its inception, from the 500.000-signature petition to the American people calling for abolition, to the 1st World Congress held in Strasbourg in 2001 at the European Parliament, and then at almost every subsequent Congress. He was an activist and an immense voice for abolition, and was our honorary president, present in the field at every conference in parliaments to convince legislators, as well as at celebrations and activist debates, always seeking to speak to young people. We'll be there to celebrate his memory and legacy as he enters the Pantheon.



Departure of three pillars of the association

"The history of ECPM, its actions, its life, its survival (sometimes) owes a lot to these three people. Emmanuel and Véronique were and will always be the pillars of this association. Emmanuel O. has taken part in every installation and discussion on the Board of Directors, and has always supported the desire to have an association open to all, not just "professionals". Véronique has always stayed the course, both financially and in human terms, but also - and this is the strength of an association like ours - in culinary terms. Emmanuel M., who has been involved in every aspect of the association, has passed on his strength and motivation for the association and its cause to all the new members. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for everything they've done and enabled us to do over the years. With all the best and in abolitionist solidarity."

Olivier Dechaud Co-founder and former Chairman.



ECPM Board members at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Memories by Véronique Mary, Emmanuel Maistre and Emmanuel Oudar

Emmanuel Maistre: "Three images, moments of my life at ECPM, characterize for me the more than twenty years I've spent on the association's governing bodies. That of the tiny premises from which we organized the first World Congress in Paris in 2006 and 2007. A former hairdressing salon measuring just 12 m² and home to an over-mobilized team of six people, their fax machine and copier. Just four years later, Zapatero, the Spanish Prime Minister, invited the entire abolitionist community to join him in Madrid for the next world meeting, at the opening of the World Congress in Geneva, in the UN's huge Human Rights Hall. Finally, more than twenty years after the first World Congress, in 2022, the image of the young Abolition Now Tour activists who came from every continent to the World Congress in Berlin to take up the slogan "The Abolition Now

Tour" is still very much alive. the torch. And the circle is complete. Or rather, a new revolution is taking place. Brought about by a new generation who, like the founders of the movement, have understood that the fight against the death penalty was built, is built and will be built together."

Véronique Mary: "So many moving memories and wonderful anecdotes; it's hard to choose! On the eve of stepping down from the Board of Directors, after twenty-one years as ECPM Treasurer, I'll remember the Annual General Meeting in June 2022. Not only were we delighted to be able to get together again (salaried team, administrators, members) after two years of restriction due to the Covid pandemic: our partners from international programs who were present in our premises for a training cycle took part in this

assembly. A fine symbol of our "Ensemble" associative, where we have shared activist actions and institutional life, building year after year a strategy to advance and grow universal abolition."

Emmanuel Oudar: "At ECPM's first Board of Directors meeting in 2004, which I attended, there were around 15 of us. It was a board in which there was a real diversity of age, profession, political opinion and income, all united for a fundamental cause: the abolition of capital punishment throughout the world. This diversity is an asset and has enabled the association to grow. Twenty years on, we can rejoice that progress is being made towards the abolition of the death penalty worldwide

THE ASSOCIATION

Pride March

As in previous years, ECPM was present on Saturday June 25 at the Paris Pride March, organized by Inter-LGBT, to raise the profile of its “Love is not a crime” campaign alongside tens of thousands of participants.



Fête de l'Huma : ECPM volunteers lead the way

As every year, ECPM took part in the Fête de l'Humanité, a key event in the abolitionist community's activism, which we shared with the Libérons Mumia collective. Volunteers, members of the association and the Board of Directors were on hand to raise awareness of the abolition of the death penalty among young and old alike, in a festive atmosphere conducive to exchange.

Our governance

ECPM is made up of members, administrators, volunteers and employees, and is governed by a quarterly Board of Directors, monthly executive committees, meeting on a quarterly basis, and an annual general meeting.

Board of Directors



Aminata Niakaté,
President of ECPM



Véronique Mary,
treasurer



Emmanuel Maistre,
secretary general



Edmond-Claude
Frety



Marie Doucet-
Lechantre



Laurent
Duarte



Emmanuel
Oudar



Richard
Sédillot



François
Croquette

Aminata Niakaté Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2010, Aminata is committed to equality and human rights issues. She chairs the Parité-Égalité Commission of the Union nationale des professions libérales. Highly committed to her profession, she chaired the Conseil national des barreaux Commission Égalité between 2018 and 2020. Since November 2020, she has been President of ECPM, where she has been active since 2009.

Véronique Mary From her earliest political awareness, she was deeply convinced of the need to abolish the death penalty. After signing the ECPM petition in Télérrama in 2000, she decided to become more active and joined the association. She is a member of the Board of Directors, and was Treasurer from 2003 to 2019, a position she has held again since 2021. A pharmacist with 30 years' research experience in neuropharmacology, she now works in pharmacovigilance.

Emmanuel Maistre A journalist by profession, Emmanuel Maistre has been involved in the fight against capital punishment since the age of 16, as a member of the Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture et de la peine de mort (Acat). Later, combining his commitment with his profession, he joined ECPM as editorial manager and then coordinator of the World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Paris in 2007. He is currently the association's General Secretary. Father of two, he is currently in charge of editorial production at Secours Catholique.

Edmond-Claude Frety A member of the Paris Bar, former secretary of the Paris Bar Conference, former member of the Paris Bar Council and lecturer at the Paris Bar School (EFB), Edmond-Claude Frety's practice focuses on litigation, mainly in the fields of business law, intellectual property and criminal law applied to new technologies. He joined the ECPM Board of Directors in June 2022.

Marie Doucet-Lechantre A human rights activist since her teens, she is a specialist teacher and trainer with the French Ministry of Education. She joined the fight for universal abolition of the death penalty with ECPM ten years ago, and its Board of Directors in 2020. A mother of four, she is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre Contre les Manipulations Mentales.

Laurent Duarte is a consultant specializing in human rights and democracy issues. An active member of associations, he was executive secretary of the Tournons La Page movement, which brings together over 250 organizations in Africa and Europe to promote democracy and human rights. Previously coordinator of the International Human Rights Film Festival, he is also a member of the editorial board of Afrique XXI. He has been a director of ECPM since 2020.

Emmanuel Oudar Managing director of an event communications SME in the Paris region, Emmanuel Oudar has been one of the historical pillars of the association, with an unwavering commitment for over 21 years. He has put his expertise at the service of the organization since the beginning of the ECPM adventure, and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2004.

Richard Sédillot is a graduate of the Institute of Comparative Law at the University of Paris II. He has appeared in major political, criminal and family law cases. He has pleaded or assisted clients before numerous foreign courts, as well as the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, the European Court of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee and the African Commission on Human Rights. He has been a member of ECPM's Board of Directors since 2022.

François Croquette A committed diplomat, François Croquette has worked in the DRC, Russia, Canada and London. He was also diplomatic advisor to the President of the French Senate, chief of staff to the Minister Delegate for Development and Ambassador for Human Rights, from January 2017 to November 2020. Since then, he has been Director for Ecological Transition and Climate at the City of Paris. Development, the defense of human rights and the environment are the common thread running through a career that has brought him into contact with the reality of the death penalty around the world, and has made its universal abolition a personal battle.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Consolidate the association's operations and management

ECPM is committed to financial management that complies with the strictest rules laid down by its backers and public authorities. KPMG verifies the proper use of funds, in line with the association's missions.

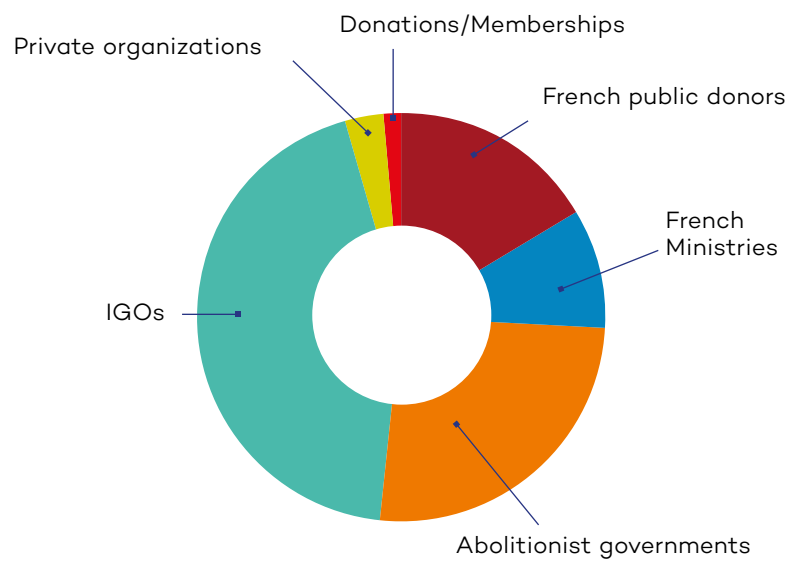
In 2023, ECPM's resources will amount to 2.200 k€. ECPM's actions are mainly supported by France (ministries, public

donors and development agency-AFD), abolitionist governments (Norway, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain), IGOs (EU, OIF) and private organizations such as the Fondation de France.

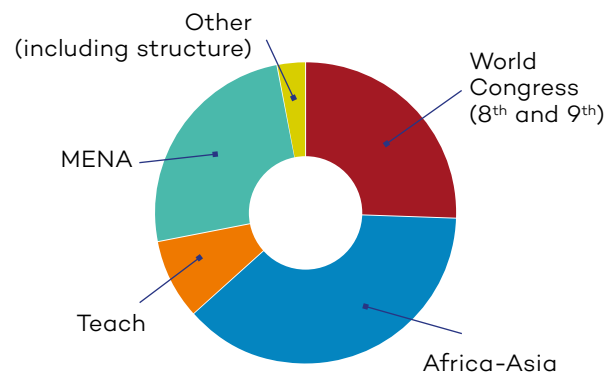
Resources in 2023 mainly supported international projects (Africa-Asia and MENA), followed by the World Congress program (with the holding of the regional Congress) and the Teach program.

The 2023 financial statements break even.

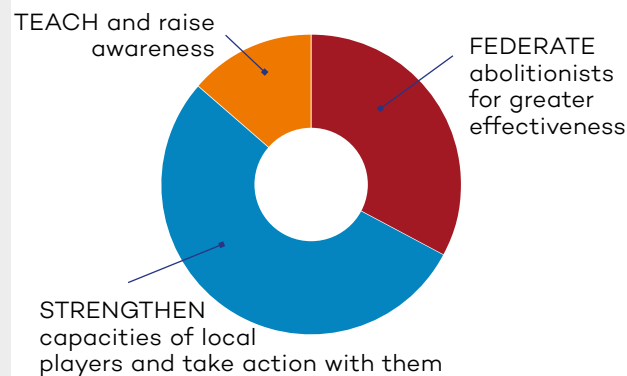
Nature of resources 2023



Breakdown of resources by program



Breakdown of resources by pillar of action



PARTNERS

OUR NETWORKS

ECPM plays a key role in structuring and energizing the human rights sector. The association is a founding member of the *Plateforme droits de l'Homme*, which provides union advocacy for the defense of the sector. Our director is its president. ECPM is also a founding member of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, participating in the steering committee and various working groups to strengthen the global scope of the fight. ECPM is a driving force behind national and regional networks and coalitions against the death penalty in the Maghreb, Central Africa and South-East Asia.



OUR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS



OUR ASSOCIATIVE PARTNERS



“Friends who move away take
with them a part of our memories,
that is, of ourselves.”

Robert Badinter
1928-2024

