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| Title of Proposal  | How to use legal clinics to sustain a more resilient civil society in Europe? |
| Summary of Proposal | Pilnet presents a program to support increasing the legal and operational resilience of civil society in Europe. The program will focus on organized civil society especially in Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Czech Republic (Visegrad countries) with special emphasis on regions outside the countries’ capitals, and will consist of efforts to increase resilience through (1) fostering innovation in operational and economic sustainability, and proactive risk management; enabling and invigorating partnerships and relations between civil society and corporate actors; and supporting cross-border cooperation of organized civil society. |
| Abstract Proposal | To respond to the challenges that organized civil society faces in Europe, pilnet aims to contribute by building networks and collaborations of legal professionals who understand how the law works when it serves the interests of the wealthy and powerful, and then apply this knowledge to protect and advance the public interest through support for civil society. This approach places an emphasis on bridging the divide between corporate lawyers and public interest lawyers to create healthier, more resilient civil societies that can protect their beneficiaries from difficult changes to the legal, operational, and economic environment. By remaining compliant with the law and being economically stable, civil society organizations (csos) can, in turn, build healthier and more resilient societies. |