



The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe's engagement with Civil Society in external relations



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Consultation

- [Executive summary of the consultation \(September 2012\)](#)
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Policy Forum on development

- [The Policy Forum on development](#) is the follow-up of the Structured Dialogue process. One of the main recommendation of this process was to maintain a informal dialogue between the different stakeholders

Overview of the process

The Structured Dialogue on the involvement of [Civil society](#) and [Local authorities](#) (CSOs & LA) in EC development cooperation has been concluded in May in Budapest with a final conference. In line with the global [Aid effectiveness](#) Agenda, it was an **inclusive process**, which sought to bring on board all relevant stakeholders involved in EC development cooperation (EC, [EU delegations](#), European Parliament, Member States, [Civil society](#) and [Local and Regional Authorities](#) from Europe

and partner countries). This initiative aimed at **increasing effectiveness of all stakeholders involved** by

- building consensus on the role to be played by CSOs & LAs,
- finding ways to improve the effectiveness of CSO & LA involved in EC cooperation and
- exploring ways to adapt EC programmes.

Main outputs

What are the main outputs of [The final Conference of Budapest?](#)

- During the final conference of the Structured Dialogue organized in 17-19 May 2011 in Budapest, participants endorsed by [Final Statement of the Structured Dialogue](#). This document constitutes a firm multi-stakeholders commitment to cooperate for an efficient partnership in development, with full respect of each actor prerogatives, roles and mandates, taking stock of the knowledge acquired through this unique dialogue exercise.
- The [Concluding paper](#) of the Structured Dialogue aims at presenting the main conclusions of 14 months of multi-stakeholders dialogue. This document has been commented and amended by participants at several occasions and summarize participants' consensual understanding of key topics on the agenda. It is organized around two main parts: (i) synthesis of discussions and key messages; and (ii) recommendations per categories of Stakeholder.

Technical fiches on EU delivery and selection mechanisms

- In the framework of the Structured Dialogue, stakeholders reached a consensus on the most pertinent needs of CSOs and LAs to be supported by Donors. Consequently discussions focused on how to best adapt existing EU delivery mechanisms and on alternative or innovative mechanisms that could be used in the future. The aim was to identify a set of conditions and criteria for the different possible support models in order to determine the most promising and feasible mechanisms for effectively supporting CSOs and LAs in their respective roles and ambitions as development actors. **A short technical brief was prepared for each of the 12 delivery mechanisms** in order to provide relevant background information and focus discussions.

TF1: Core funding pdf	TF2: Regranting pdf	TF3: Programme funding pdf
TF4: Pool funding pdf	TF5: Follow-up grant pdf	TF6: Budget support to LA pdf
TF7: Twinning pdf	TF8: Co-financing pdf	TF9: Direct award of grants pdf
TF10: Ringfencing in calls for proposals pdf	TF11: Calls for LA pdf	TF12: Simplified calls pdf

Milestones of the structured Dialogue process

- 17-19 May 2011 [Final Conference Budapest](#)
- 29-31 March 2011 [Session of March in Brussels \(WG1/2/3\)](#)

- 9-11 Feb 2011 [Seminar 4 ENP Baku](#)
- 26-27 Jan 2011 [Brussels Session 4 \(WG3\)](#)
- 7 Dec 2010 [Brussels Wrap-up session EDD](#)
- 10-12 Nov 2010 [Seminar Asia New Delhi](#)
- 13-14 Oct 2010 [Brussels Session 3](#)
- 11-12 Oct 2010 [Seminar DEAR Brussels](#)
- 15-17 Sept 2010 [Seminar Latin America Asuncion](#)
- 12 July 2010 [Brussels Session 2](#)
- 29 June - 1 July 2010 [Seminar Jordan Amman](#)
- 2-4 June 2010 [Seminar Africa Bamako](#)
- 27 May 2010 [CSO consultation DHR Brussels](#)
- 27 April 2010 [Brussels Session 1](#)
- 23 March 2010 [Launching session](#)

Context and scope

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Documents & tools for dialogue & Contributions

- [Background paper March 2010 - PDF](#)
- [Working group paper 1-2-3 March 2010 - PDF](#)
- [Glossary March - PDF](#)
- [Glossary Wiki](#)