

## **Partnership Forum, Session with FPAs, 5 July 2017, Follow-up paper**

FPAs were given the following background questions to reflect upon and to further discuss during workshops.

- ✓ *What is needed for our Partnership to be more effective? in particular to strengthen the impact of FPA on dialogue and capacity building?*
- ✓ *How can signatories of FPAs find ways to better collaborate with each other? in particular between CSOs and LAs ?*
- ✓ *How can FPA play a role in the future implementation of the Consensus? How can our Partnership play a role in the awareness raising on Development in Europe?*
- ✓ *How can we and should we, reinforce or extend the format, coverage and practicalities of FPAs for the next programming period? Are there good practices that could be used to create a common format/menu for future FPAs?*

Issues and questions raised in plenary, to which all stakeholders agreed to follow-up:

1. **Support to FPA:** Additional efforts will be made (i) to ensure a better understanding of the FPAs at all levels, (ii) EU to particularly "open doors" at country level with European Union Delegations (EUDs), (iii) to strengthen FPAs' voice and practices and (iv) to help localising the SDGs.
2. **Space for synergies for collective knowledge and common narratives between FPAs:** The annual Partnership Forum will continue to provide the space for dialogue amongst FPAs. To this end, consultations on the agenda will be carried out. Policy Forum on Development (PFD) regional multi-stakeholder fora also take place every year. In the future, the participation of relevant FPAs will be encouraged in such meetings. Additional regional and thematic meetings could be envisaged.
3. **Portal for FPA exchange:** An FPA restricted group on Capacity4Dev is created, to promote exchanges among CSO and LA FPAs and to get contact details of each FPA. A portal has been opened and FPAs have been invited to register and start discussions.
4. **DEVCO as facilitator** for shared understanding on the complexities of the Consensus, with EUDs, other DGs in HQ (more systematic dialogue with EC officials) and other actors. DEVCO A5 can coordinate and facilitate such meetings upon request. At the same time, FPAs are encouraged to directly take contact with other DGs.
5. **EC tools to support training for CSOs:** trainings on finance for FPAs have already taken place. Additional training modules to be developed for FPAs will be considered.
6. **Two way communication:** information exchanged at headquarters' level to be mirrored with EUDs and, reciprocally FPA should inform DEVCO A5 about their events at country level and dialogue with EUDs.
7. **FPA visibility:** more communication will be undertaken to publicise about FPAs (headquarters and EUD levels), FPAs expertise will be used and shared, and "subject led" Fora will be explored.

### **Follow-up by FPAs:**

1. Send responses, if any, to background questions to the European Commission.
2. Establish linkages between regional and national projects/partners.
3. Launch country meetings of FPAs having activities in the same country.
4. Develop equal opportunities and capacities to participate between rights holders (i.e. beneficiaries) and stakeholders (i.e. FPAs).
5. Identify a couple of pilot countries where FPAs are involving local CSOs in the design and implementation of their activities and share the information with the wider group.