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Monday 25 June (11:00-13:00)

Session 1

2030 Agenda: implementing and localising the SDGs

Background

With the commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) comes a renewed interest in the role that Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Local Authorities (LAs) can play in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Effective implementation of the new goals will ultimately depend on the active involvement of all relevant LAs and CSOs, as pivotal actors of governance. CSOs and LAs should not only appear as implementers of national SDG policies, but more specifically be able to translate the national SDG policies at local level in order to unlock territorial potentialities. As key contributors to policy-making, especially in the formulation and monitoring of policies and agreements, CSOs and LAs are encouraged to ensure policy coherence, and implementation and localization of SDGs through transparent and participatory mechanisms.

Considering the proposed changes in the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027, and notably the creation of a single instrument, CSOs and LAs will have the opportunity to discuss how the new MFF can enable them to best contribute to the implementation and localisation of the SDGs.

Objectives of the session

- Discuss Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Local Authorities (LAs) key challenges to implement and localise the SDGs and exchange on lessons learnt.
- Discuss the EU support to SDG implementation and localisation through the 2021-2027 Multi Financial Framework (MFF): political, technical and financial aspects.

Expected Results

- Deeper knowledge on strategies and tools, new synergies and concrete collaborations to implement and localise SDGs and to support LAs and CSOs accordingly.
- Recommendations to the EU institutions on SDG implementation within the current and future programming.

Methodology

The session will be introduced by a panel composed of representatives of the EC, local authorities and CSOs to frame the discussion. Then the participants will break into 4 working groups of about 20 persons, taking language considerations and the diversity of constituencies into account. Each working group nominates a rapporteur. Participants will discuss concrete strategies and challenges to implement and localise the SDGs and recommendations regarding the programming of the MFF on the basis of the guiding questions below. The four rapporteurs will then present the working groups'

recommendations in plenary. The session will end up with a plenary discussion, Q&As and reaction of the EC to the recommendations.

Guiding questions

- How should the role and responsibilities of CSOs and LAs described in the New European Consensus be applied in the future Multiannual Financial Framework to implement and localise the SDGs? What are the main challenges?
- How can the FPAs work together and with the EU institutions to implement the SDGs?

Moderator

- Deirdre de Burca, Advocacy Co-ordinator, International Forum of national NGO platforms (IFP)

Panellists

- Director Félix Fernández-Shaw, International Cooperation and Development Policy, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi, Head of Division, Development Cooperation Coordination, European External Action Service
- Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Azra Talat Sayeed, Executive Director of Roots for Equity Pakistan, Vice-Chairperson of the Asia Pacific Research Centre (APRN) and Chairperson of the International Women's Alliance

Rapporteur

- Marc Noel, International Development Director, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

Background documents

- [New European Consensus on Development](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/new-european-consensus-development-our-world-our-dignity-our-future_en)
https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/new-european-consensus-development-our-world-our-dignity-our-future_en
- [Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/)
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>
- [The EC proposal on the new EU Multiannual Financial Framework](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/communication-modern-budget-may2018_en.pdf)
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