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Development NGOs in the enlarged EU

A project to reinforce the role of development NGOs (NGOs) in the enlarged European Union



Overall Objective

Strengthening development cooperation ...

...through smooth and full integration of Development NGOs from New EU Member States (NMS) and Accession Countries (AC) into CONCORD and other European networks

Specific Objectives

- Linking NGOs
- Building capacities
- Raising Awareness



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Structure

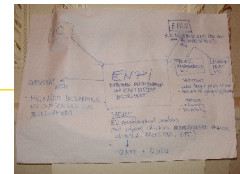
- 84% EC + 4% ADA financed
- Consortium Partners
 - HORIZONT 3000 (A) – Lead agency
 - Light for the World (A)
 - AGEH (D)
 - Bread for the World (D)
 - Polish Humanitarian Organisation (PL)
 - eRko (SK)
 - Ecumenical Academy Prague (CZ)
 - CONCORD
 - KOPIN
- Offices in Vienna and Brussels
- Start in 2000, now 3rd project phase 2006 - 2009



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- Dissemination of information
 - newsletters, website, publications
- Trainings
 - EU structures and development policies
 - calls for proposals
 - tools and methods of NGO work
- Integration into CONCORD
 - participation of NMS in working groups
 - WG EPAN: Enlargement, Pre-Accession, Neighbourhood
- Advocacy and Policy Work
 - link to EU institutions
 - advocacy on eligibility criteria, Aid Watch, ENPI, Policy Coherence etc.



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- Support the creation of NGDO platforms in NMS
 - Visits, exchange of experience, examples, strategy
 - In 10 NMS registered platforms; in CY meta-platform; in BG platform in registration
- Activation of joint projects
 - networking spaces: Seminars, Conferences, DE Summer School
 - study and work visits (GLEN), internships
 - capacity building events: DE Partnership Fair, Central Trainings
 - NGO database on www.trialog.or.at
 - partner search for joint project
 - Regional Partnership Programme
 - Presidency Fund



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Example I: Regional Partnership Programme - RPP

- Joint project between AT, CZ, SK, HU and SI (co-financed by the 5 MFAs)
- Pilot projects: joint projects between NMS NGO and AT NGO in:
 - Development Education/Awareness Raising
 - Development Cooperation in dev. countries
- Platform exchange
 - Conferences on policy topics
 - Trainings, seminars for exchange and capacity building
 - Information exchange
- Policy Dialogue between platforms and MFAs

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Example II: Development Education Partnership Fair

- 10 Million € for DE/AR projects of NGOs in NMS in EC Budget 2006 – Call 2007
- How to absorb this budget?
 - Most NGOs in NMS don't fulfil eligibility criteria
 - Hardly experience in DE/AR
 - Hardly experience with EC funding for Development
- DE Partnership Fair in Vienna, Oct 2006
 - 200 NGO representatives from OMS and NMS
 - 3 days to find out joint project ideas and formulate first project structure: 35 joint project ideas and logframes
- About 10 project related trainings on how to design a project and write an EC project proposal
- About 20 projects for NMS approved (10 Mio.)



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Example III: Conference “Are we on the right track? - Paradigm review”

- CSOs as actors in development
 - What development we are talking about?
 - 140 people from 50 countries OMS, NMS, Global South
- Some Findings:
- Work for change, deal with Power!
 - Global Fairness needs awareness raising!
 - Global coalitions need diversity!
 - Limits of Growth – Reallocate the cake!
 - MDGs are not enough!



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Priorities for TRIALOG 2009

- Strengthen national platforms
- Czech EU presidency
- Trainings and study visits
- Strengthen policy and advocacy work
- Support participation in CONCORD WGs
- Support exchange between platforms
- Conference on the role of CSOs in Development Cooperation (Nicaragua, 2009)
- TRIALOG IV

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Thank you!

More information on TRIALOG website:

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