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Tuesday, 23 March - Haiti Reconstruction: Commissioner Piebalgs meets with with Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)

The news:

Commissioner Andris Piebalgs hosts a one-day conference to discuss the reconstruction process in Haiti. The event brings together around 50 NGOs from Haiti, Europe and the US, as well as representatives of the Haitian government.

The aim is opportunity to identify joint priorities and discuss how best to combine NGO activities in Haiti with the government's overall national recovery and development strategy.

The results will feed in to the *International Donors' Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti*, to be held in New York on 31 March 2010.

The background:

Following the 12 January earthquake, international humanitarian assistance has been mobilised on an unprecedented scale, working alongside the Haitian Government and the population themselves. On the development side, besides humanitarian assistance, the Commission pledged €300mio allocated to help Haiti recovery. A first €100mio envelope has been already launched on 2 March (IP).

The shift to the reconstruction phase is marked at the end of this month by an International Conference in New York. Now, more than ever, the challenges facing the state and people of Haiti require a consolidated response that brings together the efforts of the national authorities, civil society, donors, NGOs and the private sector.

Stronger coordination among the actors is essential. The EU has a long history of development cooperation in Haiti and a strong tradition of involving civil society and NGOs.

Agenda:

10h00: Opening speech by Commissioner Piebalgs

Conference open to the press – Please contact Catherine Ray to register

11.00 – 11.30: Press point with Commissioner Piebalgs and NGOs

Place: Borschette Center conference (tbc)

The sources:

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Latest Haiti factsheet online at:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/10/81&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Examples of development cooperation in Haiti:

Strengthening First-Line Health Providers Capacity through Mutual Cooperation in Burundi, Haïti and Guinea

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/case-studies/burundi_haiti_guinea_health_en.pdf

Access to financial services in rural and remotes areas in African, Pacific and Caribbean countries - Support for microfinance and improved transparency in under-served areas

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/case-studies/acp_microfinance_sidi_en.pdf

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