



Enhancing donor coordination and cooperation A guide for discussions

1. Objective of the Working Group

- Review the status of DC in the sector
- Provide information and suggestions for identification of possible recommendations for enhancing DC in the sector

2. State of play of DC for the sector in the region

- What are the main donors in this sector? What if any specific type of assistance is given by the donors?
- Beneficiary ownership in terms of national/sector strategies/development plans and DC Systems
- Are there (generally) sector strategies driving national and donor assistance in the given sector?
- Are beneficiary countries organising/ involved in donor coordination?
- Harmonisation of aid and alignment with country systems
- Mutual accountability of donor-beneficiaries
- Good practices, success stories, lessons learnt, examples of donor coordination in the given sector

3. Specific strengths and weaknesses or constraints

- Coordination role and ownership over national/sectoral development strategies and donor coordination by the beneficiary country
- Capacity and/or political will at national/government level
- Financial and regulatory frameworks (e.g. public procurement, PFM/accounting etc.)
- Complementarity of donor assistance
- Coordination and/or joint or parallel programming of donor assistance
- Availability of donor assistance in given sector

4. Possible Actions for beneficiaries

Based on points 2 and 3,

- Identify concrete areas for improvements (e.g. PFM systems, procurement, capacity for DC, strategic orientation etc.)
- Suggest possible actions
- Assess needed resources to this aim

5. Actions for donor community at local, regional and central levels

Based on point 4,

- Suggest/Identify actions for effective/complementary allocation of assistance to areas/priorities of beneficiary

6. Specific issues relevant to the EU pre-accession process

7. Recommendations:

Recommendations for actions should be developed as a result of each working group. They should focus on: a) key principles for orienting DC in the given sector; b) concrete suggestions for enhancing/improving DC in this area; c) preferably capitalising on existing structures and improving their functionality; d) feasible, cost effective and measurable recommendations