

Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid

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Combining forces for European development policy: A new DG for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid

The European Commission can now speak with one voice on development and cooperation issues. The new Directorate-General (DG DEVCO) formally begins its work today and will be responsible for designing European development policy and delivering aid throughout the world.

DG DEVCO brings together two former Directorates General: DG Development and DG EuropeAid. Having one address for development policy and implementation will provide a single contact point for stakeholders both inside and outside the EU. DG DEVCO will also be the single interlocutor for the European External Action Service (EEAS), and for all sectoral DGs.

DG DEVCO will reinforce the ability of the EU to design state-of-the-art development policy for all developing countries, and enhance policy coherence for development while further improving implementation and delivery mechanisms. It will also define the future development policy drawing from the objectives of the EU's Green Paper on development policy and contribute to global challenges ahead.

DG DEVCO will play a leading role in the international debate for development involving donors, international institutions, developing and emerging countries and non State actors.

The new DG will be headed by Fokion Fotiadis. After a short transitory period, the two DGs will be fully merged in a few months and a new structure will be in place by mid-April.

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