

# Evaluation of EC Aid Delivery Through Civil Society Organisations EC Feedback

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## Main axes of work: a good and sound knowledge of civil society (I ,a)

In line with the first set of operational recommendations of the horizontal evaluation (« Enhance genuine participatory processes in the programming of aid »), our unit has:

- Put a strong emphasis on an increased knowledge of the local civil society arena through: NSA mapping as part of the design of NSA programmes; revision and collection of good terms of reference, briefings of experts;
- Promoted mapping as a crucial tool to define an appropriate strategy for engaging with civil society:



# A thematic concept note on mappings in Latin America is being developed (I, b)

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- Main objectives:

- Document through a concrete case study the usefulness of the mapping tool for engagement with NSAs.
- Propose a methodology tailored to the needs of Latin American countries..

- Main steps:

- mapping exercise in Guatemala (ensuring participatory approach);
- capitalisation of several mappings undertaken by the EC in the region;
- Production of a methodological note.



# Main axes of work: strengthening NSAs (II ,a)

- Second set of recommendations (« Manage the CSO channel in a partnership mode »)
  - Objective: strong emphasis on designing NSA support programmes which strengthens NSAs as partners in political, social and economic dialogues and strategies:
    - Facilitating interaction (in geo programmes) between government, NSAs and donors;
    - Providing effective capacity building for NSAs to become real governance actors



# Main axes of work: strengthening NSAs (II, b)

- Role of E4:

- provide guidance to Delegations in the design and implementation phases;
- Information, exchange of experiences and training of Delegations in regional seminars [Cotonou (2007) for West African countries, Tanzania (2006) and Ethiopia (2008) for African countries Georgia (2008) for ENP East and Central Asia;
- trainings in Brussels (jointly with AidCo.F1): involvement of NSAs in cooperation programmes cycle;
- Studies: Capitalisation study of lessons learnt from the 9th EDF NSA support programmes. Restitution seminar foreseen in April 2009.

## Main axes of work: enhance complementarity between instruments (III ,a)

- In line with the recommendation on « Combine different approaches between instruments and channels of aid »
  - Objective:
    - search for more synergy between EC programmes;
    - stocktaking of the aid effectiveness agenda and its impact on civil society involvement.

## Main axes of work: enhance complementarity between instruments (III, b)

- o Role of E4:

- Study on the participation of civil society in new aid modalities:  
→ promote participation of civil society in macro-economic and sector programmes (i.e. entry points for civil society participation, use of the various EC instruments, type of capacity building to be provided, etc.)
- During the design phase of sector programmes, check and improve the involvement of NSA (justice, decentralisation, social cohesion, environment, etc.)



## Main axes of work: enhance complementarity between instruments (III,c)

As part of our capitalisation work:

- Development of our Civil Society Intranet: where guidelines and good practices and key documents are posted. Interaction with CISOCH is foreseen.
- Thematic networks to allow exchange of experiences between the different NSA correspondents of the ECD to contribute to a better identification and implementation of our civil society support programmes.



## Operational support to Delegations and capitalisation have started since 2005 ...

March 2005: creation of Directorate E in charge of Quality Support.

AidCo.E4 provides Headquarters' services and Delegations with thematic support regarding operational engagement with NSAs:

- Development of operational guidance and practical tools (including training);
- Quality assurance upstream, during the instruction phase of NSA programmes (geographic/thematic) and downstream during implementation;
- Monitoring of impact and interface with other line DGs and donors.

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