

### **PLATFORMA Policy Update**

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#### **EU POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**

#### CSO-LA Multi-annual Indicative Programme 2018-2020

On 22 March, PLATFORMA Political council debated in the future of CSO-LA programme 2018-2020 and post 2020.

- Find here the debate framing note
- Find here the updated position paper [link EN] / [lien FR]

It was agreed following this debate that PLATFORMA would send a strong message to DG DEVCO against the possibility that the LA component would be managed by pillar assessed development agencies without involving LRGs and their association. To do so PLATFORMA partners would need to exercise a strong political pressure on the European Commission.





At the same time the partners agreed to prepare to input on terms of reference for the operational management of the LA component. It was therefore decided to set up a taskforce of the most operational partners to come up with concrete and operational proposal to influence the programming and terms of reference for the management of this programme. The task-force is composed by AIMF, CUF, CLGF, FEMP and VNGi.

#### > Latest information on CSO-LA post 2018

- After the Policy Forum on Development open consultation session (in which several PLATFORMA partner organisation participated) the secretariat was informally updated that the option that DG DEVCO would contract national development agencies directly was no longer on the table. The current most likely scenario is that a competitive call for proposals would be launched in the last quarter of 2018.
- As agreed in the Political Council meeting, the taskforce prepared a letter a to be sent to Stefano Manservisi, Director General of DG DEVCO. In reaction to this, unit C5 managed to confirm a direct meeting with the DG of DEVCO on 25 April. The Political Position will be the basis for PLATFORMA's contribution and the letter might be sent as follow-up, depending on the outcomes of the meeting. Partners will be consulted.
- You can find <a href="here an analysis">here an analysis</a> from our latest discussions with DEVCO C5 on the trends for the programming 2018-20

## Indicative timeline on CSO-LA programming and next Multi-Annual Financial Framework

17 April	EP Plenary vote on report on implementation of DCI, HAI, EDF		
tbc	Approval of the CSO-LA MIP		
Early April	3 weeks inter-service consultation on draft CSO-LA MIP & draft Staff Working Document on cities		
9-20 April	Hearings of Commissioners and DGs on key parameters for the programmes in their respective areas of competences for the next MFF		
2 May 2018	EC proposal on MFF to include:         A political Communication setting the broad orientation of the Commission's proposals         Policy fiches for each major programme         A staff working document with the findings of the spending review         A proposal for the Council regulation for the next MFF         A proposal for interinstitutional agreement on budgetary matters and financial management         Proposals for a Council decision on EU own resources		
29 May	Programmes proposals for next MFF		
30 May 2018	DCI thematic instruments (CSO-LA, GPGC) Council committee meeting		
26-27 June 2018	IPA council committee meeting		
Summer 2018 tbc	Tbc Competitive call for tender Or direct contracting for the new "urban approach" of the local authority in development priority		
End 2018	Approval of the CSO-LA MAAP		
9 May 2019	European Council informal meeting, debating on: implementation of the Leader's agenda + Preparation of the Strategic agenda 2019-2024		
20-21 June 2019	European Council debating on Strategic Agenda 2019-2024		



#### FOR ACTION

Share PLATFORMA position paper on the future of CSO-LA programme [link EN] / [lien FR] with your permanent representation to the EU and MEPs. For follow up and should you need support in contacting your national representatives to the European Council and Parliament please contact marine.gaudron@ccre-cemr.org

#### **Policy Forum on Development**

The Global Policy Forum on Development (PFD) met from 20 to 22 March in Brussels.

Succeeding to the Structured Dialogue, the PFD is conceived as a confidence and trust-building mechanism and not as a negotiation or decision-making space. It promotes communication and better understanding among all stakeholders. The PFD primarily focuses on European development policies, as well as global development agendas, building on the momentum gained by current debates and discussions on the global architecture for international aid. PLATFORMA represented the European local and regional governments.

On behalf of the network Peter Knip, director of VNG International, participated in the panel debate about new financial modalities to deliver aid and particularly the role of the private sector. This is an issue put on the agenda by the European Commission as it is an increasing priority in view of blending of development funds with loans and private investment. Other topics included the enabling environment for civil society and local governments to be actors of development, migration and crises, ...

Several PLATFORMA partners also participated in the open consultation about the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework that concluded the Global PFD meeting.

Find here the brief prepared for LRG constituency
Summary of the meeting (FR and ES version can also be downloaded via capacity4dev)

#### Report on the Implementation of the DCI, HAI and EDF

The European Parliament adopted on 17 April the DEVE report of MEP Enrique Guerrero Salom (S&D, SP) on Implementation of the Development Cooperation Instrument, the Humanitarian Instrument and the European Development Fund.

PLATFORMA Secretariat had the opportunity to meet with an assistant of the rapporteur and <u>send</u> <u>amendments</u> to the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs. Most of our amendments are reflected in the final report that is adopted today. In particular:

- A specific reference to the EP resolution of 2013 on local authorities and civil society: Europe's engagement in support of sustainable development
- Recital E: recalling that providing support to CSOs and LAs in partner countries in the area of development-related global public goods and challenges is one of the main objective of the DCI
- Recital P: confirms that using the different geographic and thematic instruments in a coherent manner is possible
- \$18 welcomes the fact that evaluations have underlined the strategic relevance of the DCI's thematic programme
- \$20 calls for simplified access to EU funds, and ensuring trainings and timely information on calls for proposals to be provided for local stakeholders, including civil servants



- §22 "Is satisfied with the objectives and results of the thematic programme dedicated to CSOs and local authorities, and calls for its retention in future instruments; is gravely concerned, however, at the shrinking space awarded for CSOs and local authorities in the programming and implementation phases of the programmes, and calls for a strengthened role for these bodies, including as service providers, as well as for more tailor-made cooperation modalities and a more strategic approach; underlines that the development of these countries can only be fully achieved through cooperation with legitimate local authorities;"
- §31 considers that a flexible, coordinated and context-specific approach that takes on board the views of local governments and authorities should be adopted for the implementation of the Humanitarian Aid Instrument (HAI)
- §36 "36. Takes the view that EFIs should continue to directly support both EU and local CSOs, local communities, local and regional governments and local authorities in partner countries and their partnerships with European local and regional governments, and systematically facilitate their active participation in multistakeholder dialogues on EU policies and on all programming processes across all instruments; considers, furthermore, that the EU should promote the role of CSOs as watchdogs both in and outside the EU and support decentralisation reforms in partner countries;"
- **\$**41 recalls that greater flexibility should not be achieved at the expense of aid effectiveness and predictability, long-term geographic and thematic priorities or commitments to uphold reforms in partner countries
- §66 shows the view that post 2020 architecture of External Financing Instruments (EFIs) should continue to make provision for a mix of both geographic and thematic multi-annual programmes, allowing for development actions on different scales.
- Find here a <u>coloured version of the report</u>, highlighting in greens where LRGs are directly concerned and in blue interesting positions of the EP on EFIs and the post-2020 development architecture.

# Territorial Approach to Local Development (TALD) Global seminar, 27-29 June, Brussels

The global seminar is the follow-up of a series of TALD seminars conducted by DG DEVCO in all regions. The seminar is aimed at clarifying the concepts of local development, territorial development and the territorial approach to local development. It will provide practical insights aimed at identifying, discussing and evaluating:

- (1) the scope that may exist for promoting territorial development in different country contexts based on the work undertaken by DEVCO to develop a diagnostic tool (applied in several countries);
- (2) the different options that may be available to EUD for supporting territorial development and their relative feasibility within the framework of the sectors chosen for concentration of EU aid in the country Multiannual Investment Programs.

#### FOR ACTION:

Should you wish to attend the meeting please contact <a href="marine.gaudron@ccre-cemr.org">marine.gaudron@ccre-cemr.org</a> by 30 April, together with some details on your interest and/or experience with TALD. Please note that we can only invite 2 partners, so in case you are numerous willing to attend we will have to select among you those with most experience to share.



#### **GLOBAL AGENDAS**

# Respond to the CEMR-PLATFORMA survey on the localization of SDGs before 30 April

The localisation of the SDGs is on top of the agenda: local and regional governments and their associations raise awareness towards their citizens and/or adapt their local sustainability plans to align with the SDG framework, UN Member States prepare to report on the progress to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and the EU set up a multi-stakeholder platform for the implementation of the SDGs in Europe. The three processes are not necessarily advancing together.

In close coordination with UCLG, PLATFORMA and CEMR launched a survey to capture information about how local and regional governments (and their associations) in Europe are already working with the SDG framework and what the challenges are. With this information, the European networks will be able to point the EU institutions to the most relevant forms of support to LRGs to take action towards the success of the SDG implementation. The information gathered will also inform the LRG shadow reports to the HLPF in July and the GOLD V report .

In view of this, it is important to have a diverse group of LRG(A)'s responding to the survey – also those who are not actively engaged in the Agenda 2030 (yet).

Further, CEMR is offering dedicated support to the associations of countries that are reporting to the High Level Political Forum in July 2018 :

- 2017: Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Sweden;
- 2018: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland.

A successful first exchange workshop took place in the framework of the CEMR secretaries-General and Directors meeting in Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria) on 12 April. Associations reporting this year exchanged with colleagues that participated in the reports last year. An event on monitoring is planned together with the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities end of May.

#### FOR ACTION

- Reply to the online survey as association or local/regional government before 30 April : find the survey here
- As association you are encouraged to disseminate the survey to your LRG members encouraging them to reply to the survey. Inform <a href="Wouter.boesman@ccre-cemr.org">Wouter.boesman@ccre-cemr.org</a> if you wish to obtain a dedicated dataset and analysis for your member's responses

#### European Dialogue on Non-State Climate action, 23 April, EESC

The shift towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy has been driven largely by bottom-up initiatives led by citizens, innovative businesses and various civil society stakeholders, as well as by local and regional authorities, collectively referred to as non-state and sub-national actors. In recent years, the number, scope and scale of non-state climate actions has grown rapidly. However, non-state actors still encounter obstacles that make it difficult for them to initiate and implement their climate actions successfully.

The European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions and the Climate Chance Association would like to invite you to an event on **23 April** to launch the <u>European Dialogue on Non-State Climate Action</u>. The purpose of this event will be to put



forward an action plan aiming at assessing, recognising, accelerating and supporting climate actions, as well as improving governance. The event seeks to promote the common voice of non-state actors.

The event will take the form of a **regional Talanoa dialogue**, designed to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and will include both plenary sessions and participatory workshops focusing on turning the dialogue into an actionable agenda. It will bring together experts from national and subnational governments, the private sector, financial institutions and leading international and civil society organisations.

#### A detailed agenda is now available.

#### FOR ACTION

**To register,** <u>click here</u>. Please note that registrations are open until 18 April. (for late registration please contact directly <u>romain.crouzet@climate-chance.org</u>) For any questions, please email <u>sdobservatory@eesc.europa.eu</u>.

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

# **OECD report "Decentralised Development Cooperation: Financial Flows, Recent Trends and Emerging Paradigms"**

The OECD presented the final draft of their report on decentralised cooperation, which was commissioned by the European Commission's Development Cooperation Directorate. This report presents the concepts and paradigms related to Decentralised Cooperation and analyses financial flows reported as decentralised cooperation. Finally, it includes six case studies and several country profiles in the annex.

This last draft was presented and discussed during a webinar which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. The OECD will now make some edits to the report, its executive summary and recommendations while working on the communication and dissemination strategy. Meanwhile, the European Commission announced that the report will be officially presented during the Partnership Forum, which will take place in Brussels on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

You can find <u>here</u> the clean final draft of the report and PLATFORMA's comments on the report <u>here</u> and on the executive summary <u>here</u>.

#### CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

#### **Civil Society Organisations – Local Authorities Thematic programme**

#### Promoting local economic development in Ghana [link]

**Eligibility:** Local authorities (Ghanaian Metropolitan, Municipal or District Assembly (MMDAs)) or national association of local authorities from Ghana are eligible under Lot 2 as lead applicants. At least one **co-applicant** must be a civil society organization and must satisfy the eligibility criteria for CSO applicants.

**Grant size**: between 450 000€ and 800 000€ (indicative allocation for this Call for Proposals is 2 000 000€ for Lot 2)

**Co-financing**: up to 90% of total eligible costs of the action

**Objective**: The global objective of this call for proposals is to support actions aimed at promoting local sustainable development.

 Involving civil society organisations, local authorities and other relevant stakeholders to promote local sustainable development



 Enhancing the capacity of local authorities to collaborate with relevant stakeholders including civil society and private sector to mobilise domestic resources for local development

**Deadline**: 27/04/2018, 18:00 (Brussels time)

## <u>Citizen Engagement in Democracy and Re-integration of Inmates in Correctional Facilities</u> in Zambia [link]

**Eligibility:** public sector operators and local authorities established in Zambia, EU or EEA are eligible as lead applicant for both lots. They must have proven experience of at least 2 years in providing support in the lot's sector. The lead applicant must act with co-applicant(s) that can be LA, non-governmental organization or international organisation

**Grant size:** between 500.000€ and 750.000€ for lot 1, and between 300.000€ and 600.000€ for lot 2

Co-financing: 90% for Zambian lead applicant, 75% for non-Zambian lead applicant

**Objective**: enhance Civil Society Organisations' contributions to governance and development processes in Zambia, through:

- Enhancing the role and capacity of Zambian CSOs as actors in the promotion of governance and accountability interventions at local and national levels. (lot 1)
- promote inclusive sustainable growth through skills development in favour of incarcerated populations and strengthen community response systems for their reintegration (lot 2)

**Deadline:** 02/05/2018, 15.00 (Brussels time)

## <u>Support to Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities in the Republic of Moldova</u> [link]

**Eligibility:** local authority or association of local authorities at national or regional level from Moldova or the EU are eligible as lead applicant under lot 2. The lead applicant must act with coapplicant(s) following the same eligibility criteria (LA or association from EU or Moldova)

Grant size: lot 2: between 300.000€ and 400.000€

**Co-financing:** 90% for lead applicant established in Moldova, 75% for lead applicant established in the EU

**Objective:** to support the participation of civil society and local authorities in creating an enabling environment and increasing their capacity in ensuring the accountability and transparency in decision making, through:

- enhancing LAs leadership and institutional capacities to execute their mandate as defined by law, with emphasis on inclusive, transparent, participatory governance at the local level
- enhancing the accountability of LAs, including their self-governing capacity and their accountability as public institutions, towards their own citizens (downward accountability), towards central government and national independent audit bodies (upward accountability)
- support could also be tailored to national Associations of Local Authorities in order to enhance their institutional and operational capacities in performing their main functions, including lobbying for decentralization reform, promotion and management of territorial development plans with social participation, control on the quality of LAs performance, etc.
- Testing pilot actions promoting local development through territorial approach (Territorial Approach to Local Development TALD)

**Deadline:** 04/05/2018, 16.00 (Brussels time)

# Support to civil society organisations and local authorities from Gabon and Sao-Tome e Principe for good governance, and sustainable, inclusive and participatory development [link FR]

**Eligibility:** local authorities or associations established in the EU, Gabon and Sao Tome e Principe are eligible as lead applicants or co-applicants for lots 3 & 4

**Grant-size:** between 350.000€ and 700.000€ for lot 3, and between 300.000€ and 600.000€ for



**Co-financing:** 90% for lead applicants established in Gabon and Sao Tome e Principe; 75% for lead applicants established in the EU

**Objective:** strengthen and equip civil society and local authorities from Gabon and Sao Tome e Principe through actions contributing to promoting their participation and contribution to improvement of governance towards a sustainable and equitable growth. In particular:

 Lot 3 (LA Gabon) and Lot 4 (LA Sao Tome e Principe) aims at professionalizing local authorities and/or their networks and support them in exercising their competences in the area of environment, culture and economic development, with a specific focus on women; and to structure and develop decentralized cooperation partnerships

**Deadline:** 15/05/2018, 13.00 (Brussels time)

## Enhance local authorities' contribution to governance and development processes in Kyrgyzstan [link]

**Eligibility:** local authority established in Kyrgyzstan are eligible as lead applicant. They must act with co-applicant(s) that can be other Kyrgyz local authority or CSOs from Kyrgyzstan of the EU (registered for at least 5 years)

Grant size: Between 220 000€ and 250 000€

Co-financing: 90%

**Objective:** promote inclusive and sustainable growth in rural areas of Kyrgyzstan by strengthening and facilitating the role of Local Authorities, enabling them to promote governance and development processes at local level, through:

- Enhance Local Authorities capacities to execute their mandate, as welfare providers and promoters of sustainable growth at local level, based on principles of inclusive, transparent and participatory governance, to respond adequately to citizens' needs, provision of adequate services, and to manage effectively locally available resources (human, financial, natural, etc.);
- Facilitate Local Authorities as the key actors to stimulate local growth through multistakeholder partnerships (Local Authorities/ Public Private/ Public Civil Society Partnerships) for social, economic development initiatives and decent job opportunities (including for women and youth) at local level.
- The proposed actions must take into account existing programmes and interventions supporting local governance funded by the EU or other donors, and avoid overlap or duplication

**Deadline:** 17/05/2018, 13.30 (Brussels time)

#### Local call for civil society organizations and local authorities in Bolivia [link SP]

**Eligibility:** Bolivian local authorities are eligible as lead applicant for lot 3 and as co-applicant for lots 1 & 2. Bolivian associations of local authorities and metropolitan regions are also eligible as co-applicants under lot 1 & 2. Local authorities from EU, EEA or DAC eligible country can be co-applicant under lot 3.

Grant size: for lot 3: between 800.000€ and 1.000.000€

Co-financing: 90%

**Objective:** foster participation and links between CSOs and LAs in elaboration, implementation and follow up of public policies answering the needs of citizens through actions complementary to the Multi-annual Indicative Programme for Bolivia (2017-2020)

Lot 3 is dedicated for local authorities, prioritizing water and sanitation and must cover at least one of the following priority:

- Elaborate or strengthen mechanisms for multi-stakeholder and multi-level coordination in the area of water and sanitation and for territorial and inclusive development planning
- Strengthening the capacities of public and private sector stakeholders on water and sanitation
- Develop a culture of shared responsibility in appropriate use of infrastructures and services of water and sanitation

**Deadline:** 18/05/2018, 23.00 (Brussels time)



Promoting good local governance to improve quality basic services through increased contribution from civil society and local authorities, focusing on promoting social equality and equity between women and men in Madagascar [link FR]

**Eligibility:** local authority or association from Madagascar or from the EU are eligible under lot 2 (so as CSOs from Madagascar or Europe) The applicant must have experience in implementing as lead or co-applicant, similar development programme of a budget of at least 60% of the proposal in the last three years, or for local authorities specifically, to have implemented an annual budget equal or superior to 50% of the budget for the proposition. For non-Malagasy applicants it is mandatory to include a Malagasy co-applicant.

**Grant size:** Between 300.000€ and 470.000€

Co-financing: 95% for Malagasy applicants; 85% for non-Malagasy applicants

**Objective:** for lot 2: contribute to improvement of local governance and functioning of municipal services towards an exercise of real and efficient concertation with citizens in line with local authorities' prerogatives and to benefit their population. Including:

- Basic public services delivery to local populations, especially in the field of water and sanitation and waste management
- Improve the efficiency and transparency of functioning of local administrations so that the public services offer matches population needs
- Mainstreaming and or specifically targeting gender equality dimension and promotion of rights, autonomy and participation of women and girls
- Actions to be conducted in partnership with civil society organizations
- Actions fostering exchange of experiences between local authorities through decentralized cooperation can also be financed
- Priority will be given to the following regions: Sava, Analanjirofo, Menabe, Atsimo-Andrefana, Anosy, Atsinanana, Boeny, Vakinankaratra, Betsiboka, Analamanaga

**Deadline:** 01/06/2018, 12.00AM (Brussels time)

Additional information: an information session is organized on 27 April 9AM at IBIS Hotel Ankorondrano (Antananarivo-Madagascar) to register send an email to <a href="mailto:DELEGATION-MADAGASCAR-APPEL-LOCAL@eeas.europa.eu">DELEGATION-MADAGASCAR-APPEL-LOCAL@eeas.europa.eu</a> by 26/04

## Strengthening the role of civil society to support local authorities and measure their performances [link FR]

**Eligibility:** the lead applicant must be a CSO from Tunisia, the EU or EEA; local authorities and public-sector operators from the EU or Neighborhood countries are eligible as co-applicants

**Grant size:** 1.000.000€

Co-financing: 90% for Tunisian NGOs, 75% for European NGOs

**Objective:** ensure involvement and participation of national and local civil society in the implementation of an evaluation and accountability system for local governments, through:

- Strengthening the role of civil society to support local authorities in the governorates of Grand Tunis to respect their commitments towards citizens
- Set up an accountability and result follow up system for local governments with a priority on SDGs 5 and 10
- At least 60% of the grant must be earmarked for financing third parties

**Deadline:** 27/04/2018, 23.00 (Tunis time)

#### **Support to Local Authorities in Georgia [link]**

**Eligibility:** local authorities established in Georgia or associations of local authorities established in Georgia or EU or EEA. If the lead applicant is a local authority, at least one co-applicant must be a CSO from Georgia, the EU, the EEA or country eligible to ENI or IPA. If the lead applicant is an association of local authorithies, at least one co-applicant must be established in Georgia.

**Grant size:** between 300.000€ and 900.000€

**Co-financing:** 90% if lead-applicant is established in Georgia; 75% is the lead applicant is established in the EU or EEA



**Objective:** To enhance capacities of Local Authorities (LAs) and the National Association of Local Authorities (NALA) for conducting inclusive policy-making ensuring that people living in the territory overseen by LAs participate in local public affairs and receive adequate services, through:

- Enhancement of LAs capacities to execute their mandate in line with inclusive, transparent and participatory governance principles to respond adequately to citizens' needs.
- Strengthen capacities of LAs, as welfare providers and promoters of inclusive and sustainable growth at local level, to provide adequate services, generate decent job opportunities (including for women and youth) and sustainably manage natural resources.
- Priority will be given to actions, which establish cooperation between at least two Local Authorities of the same region in Georgia in order to address common socio-economic development priorities for their territories through civic participation approach

**Deadline:** 01/06/2018, 12AM (Brussels time)

#### Watch out for > DEAR call for proposal

The 2018 DEAR (Development Education and Awareness Raising) Call for Proposal will include two strong focuses that will probably be translated into 2 different lot (or more if differentiating CSOs from LRGs)

- DEAR activities within the countries ensuring the EU presidency i.e. Bulgaria (1st half 2018), Austria (2nd half 2018), Romania (1st half 2019), Finland (2nd half 2019), Croatia (1st half 2020), Germany (2nd half 2020)
- Pan-European DEAR activities involving as much partners from different countries as possible and focusing on priorities identified in SDGs and the New European Consensus on Development

#### FOR ACTION

Should you wish methodological support and advice from the Secretariat to answer a call for proposal, or to help us keep track of the involvement of LRGs with EU programmes please contact marine.gaudron@ccre-cemr.org

#### **EU Cities for Fair and Ethical Trade Award**

In October 2015, with its Trade for All Communication, the European Commission committed to setting up the EU Cities for Fair and Ethical Trade Award. The award wants to recognise and reward European local authorities that promote fair, ethical and sustainable trade practices. The first call for applications is open until 13 April 2018.

The winner of the award will be announced at a ceremony on 27 June 2018. The winning city will receive considerable support (including financial) in the roll-out of its initiatives.

Back to back to the award ceremony, the Fair-Trade Advocacy Office will organise the Conference 'From local to global: Scaling up Fair Trade in Europe' in order to trigger a discussion on the challenges that local authorities are facing to promote Fair Trade at local level and on what EU and national policy makers could do to support them. The Conference will take place on 27-28 June 2018. A more detailed agenda of the event, which will probably take place at the Committee of the Regions, will be soon available.

Find here the background note of the EU Cities for Fair and Ethical Trade Award

For more details, you can visit the <u>award's website</u> or contact Alice Sinigaglia (<u>sinigaglia@fairtrade-advocacy.org</u>; +39 333 399 68 60)

**FOR ACTION:** Apply before 20 April



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **European Development Days, 5-6 June**



PLATFORMA, Plan International, UN Habitat and UCLG-Africa joint proposal of a high level panel has been accepted. During the Auditorium « Cities for girls and young women = cities for all ». We will discuss girls and young women's contribution to shaping the city where they live. Find all relevant information on <u>EDD website</u>.

#### FOR ACTION:

In order to attend EDD 2018, you need to:

- Create a profile on the <u>EDD website</u> and register before 18 May, by clicking on the 'Register' button on your dashboard.
- Register through a pre-identified organisation with your professional email address. If your
  organisation is not listed or if you are attending as an independent, please
  contact <u>registration@eudevdays.eu</u>.
- Upload an ID picture.

Did you successfully submitted a session to organise during the EDD? Let us know if you want your session to be included in our further communications on EDD (marine.gaudron@ccre-cemr.org)

#### Partnership Forum, 25-26 June in Brussels

The Partnership Forum is a multi-stakeholder dialogue Forum between the CSO and LRG signatories of Framework Partnership Agreements (FPAs) and the EU Institutions. This year's Forum will take place in Brussels on:

- 25 June > restricted to direct signatories
- 26 June > open to the broader network of FPAs

The European Commission has proposed a new draft agenda, which you can consult <u>here</u>. As you will see, the Forum's second day – open to all PLATFORMA's partners – is mainly organised around four parallel sessions on resilience, the new urban agenda, climate change and security and development.

PLATFORMA is currently negotiating speaking slots in these different sessions and we will inform you once a decision on this is taken as well as once we receive the final version of the agenda.

#### For action:

Please contact PLATFORMA's secretariat (<u>tiago.stichelmans@ccre-cemr.org</u>) if you are interested to attend the second day of the Forum.



#### Calendar

Colour code:

PLATFORMA & partners events

External events

Policy milestones

2018		
23-24 April	PLATFORMA Steering Committee	Brussels, Belgium
17 May	EU-Western Balkans Summit, debate on migration: overall agreement on internal and external policy (tbc)	Sofia, Bulgaria
26 May	UCLG executive bureau	Strasbourg
30 May	Thematic ICD committee meeting	European Council
5-6 June	European Development Days	Brussels, Tour & Taxi
11 - 13 June	CEMR conference on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Bilbao, Spain
19-21 June	CiB annual meeting	Stockholm
25-26 June	Partnership Forum	Brussels, Belgium
26-27 June	IPA committee meeting	European Council
27-29 June	DEVCO TALD Global Seminar	Brussels
27-28 June	EU Cities for Fair and Ethical Trade Award ceremony & Conference 'From local to global: Scaling up Fair Trade in Europe'	Brussels, Belgium
28-29 June	European Council debate on Migration: overall agreement on internal and external policy (possible) + Leaders's Agenda: state of play on implementation	Brussels
28-29 June	Climate Chance Africa	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
4 July	CUF Forum	Paris, France
5-6 July (tbc)	1st Assizes Euro-Latino-American	Paris, France
9-18 July	UN High Level Political Forum	New York, United States
15 July	Global Taskforce meeting	New York, United States
16 July (10.00-18.00)	UCLG local and regional government forum	New York, United States
12 to 15 September	Global Climate Action Summit	San Francisco, United States
3-14 December	COP24	Katowice, Poland



4-8 December	Africités	Marrakech, Morocco		
2019				
9 May	European Council informal meeting, debating on Implementation of the Leader's agenda + Preparation of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024	Sibiu, Romania		
20-21 June	European Council debating on Strategic Agenda 2019-2024	Brussels		