



Annotated Agenda Technical Seminar on Joint Programming

Date: 27 November 2012

Venue: EEAS main building, 9A Schuman Roundabout, room LOI floor 5/372

Time: 14:00 – 18:30

Introduction

Since the latest Technical Seminar in March 2012, Joint Programming (JP) has moved ahead in different aspects. The Development Council in May reconfirmed the political commitment to JP. In addition, based on the Heads of Missions reports from eleven countries, six countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Laos, Mali and Rwanda) have been identified where the EU and Member States will take forward JP. This is on top of earlier experience in South Sudan and Haiti. These outcomes have been communicated to the Member States and field offices. In this context it was much appreciated that the French Representation to the EU took the initiative to organise a High Level Meeting on JP on 8 November including a review of country cases.

Furthermore, the EU has started its programming in view of the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework. The programming instructions foresee close cooperation with Member States, if possible in the form of JP, in all regions.

The JP process has actually started in the identified partner countries, except for Mali. For Guatemala and Laos JP documents have already been drafted. In the meantime, the EEAS and DEVCO are in the process of assessing the proposals from all EU Delegations including on calendars for synchronisation. The Delegations' proposals give a good insight in opportunities for synchronisation and JP by the EU and the Member States.

At the seminar we could collectively take stock of our experiences with the JP process so far, and discuss prospects for pursuing JP in other countries, in view of further discussion in the meeting of EU Director General for Development on 12 December. The objectives and related structure of the seminar is proposed as follows:

- DEVCO/EEAS will present the current state of play of JP, including the progress made, the challenges and the lessons learnt in the first countries, followed by an exchange of views.
- EEAS/DEVCO will present the prospects for synchronisation and an overview of partner countries where JP activities have started in one way or the other. In the first (Excel) annex to this note you will find an overview of countries and the potential for synchronisation with the partner country cycle. In the second annex you will find a more detailed overview of the state of play and potential in countries where concrete progress has already been made on the ground, including countries where there are positive signals on enhanced cooperation and/or JP.
- Based on these overviews further opportunities for synchronisation and JP will be discussed. A shared view on synchronisation and its calendar will be key to preparing the ground for gradually moving on with JP. So, the aim is to come to a common understanding on countries where opportunities exist for synchronisation and JP (in the short, mid- and longer term).
- Discussion and conclusion on next steps for facilitation of synchronisation and JP, including communication to our field offices.

Colleagues from Member States are kindly invited to:

- share the list of Member States' presence in partner countries by 23 November, to allow to present a full overview of EU and Member States' presence in partner countries, to be sent to:
alex.gerbrandij@eeas.europa.eu and cornelius.hacking@ec.europa.eu;
- assess internally the synchronisation and JP potential as presented in the attachments;
- prepare/present their views with regard to synchronisation and JP in the proposed set of partner countries and possibly other countries at the seminar.

Agenda

- 14.00 – 14.15 Opening by Félix Fernandez-Shaw (EEAS) and Vincent Grimaud (DEVCO)
- 14.15 – 15.30 Session 1 JP progress, practices, challenges and lessons learnt
DEVCO/EEAS presentations followed by exchange of views
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee/tea break
- 15.45 – 16.15 Session 2 Synchronisation
EEAS/DEVCO introduction followed by MS colleagues sharing their views
- 16.15 – 17.30 Session 3 Prospects for additional JP countries
DEVCO/EEAS presentation followed by MS colleagues sharing their views
- 17.30 – 18.15 Session 4 Next steps and facilitation
EEAS/DEVCO introduction followed by exchange of views
- 18.15 – 18.30 Conclusions
- 18.30 – 20.00 Reception hosted by EEAS

Annexes

1. Summary overview of potential synchronisation and Joint Programming countries
2. Country by country overview on state of play and outlook for synchronisation and Joint Programming