

EU DEAR programme orientations

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Framework for EU Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme

- 2012 Staff Working Document on DEAR in Europe
- Development Cooperation Instrument 2014-2020
- Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP)
 Civil Society, Local Authorities 2014-2020



MIP 2014-2020: Guiding principles for DEAR

- A strong and informed engagement of EU citizens is essential for an ambitious EU development policy.
- DEAR can give citizens tools to understand the increasing complexity of global development issues





MIP 2014-2020 - DEAR

New Strategic approach

- Concentrating on added value and complementarity:
 - ➤ Pan-European Action
 - Encourage coordinated action by consortia
 - Synergy with Member State Actions

Focusing on key global issues







Why a new strategic approach?



Previous NSA-LA thematic programme (2007-2013): some issues

- Difficult to identify added-value of EU-funded DEAR action with regards to country-level actions.
- Impact difficult to judge due to lack of coherence: multiplicity of small and disparate projects
- Competition rather than cooperation among CSOs.



Implementation of the new strategic orientations

- Call for proposals DEAR 2013-2014:
 - Focus on supporting actions on a pan-European level
 - > Larger projects led by coalitions of CSOs
 - Focus on key global issues and EYD2015, highlighting relevance of DEAR in global development debates
- Focus on policy dialogue and quality
 Capitalisation, capacity development and policy/experience sharing events



European Year for Development



2013 DEAR Call for proposals: positive outcomes

16 projects

54 million €

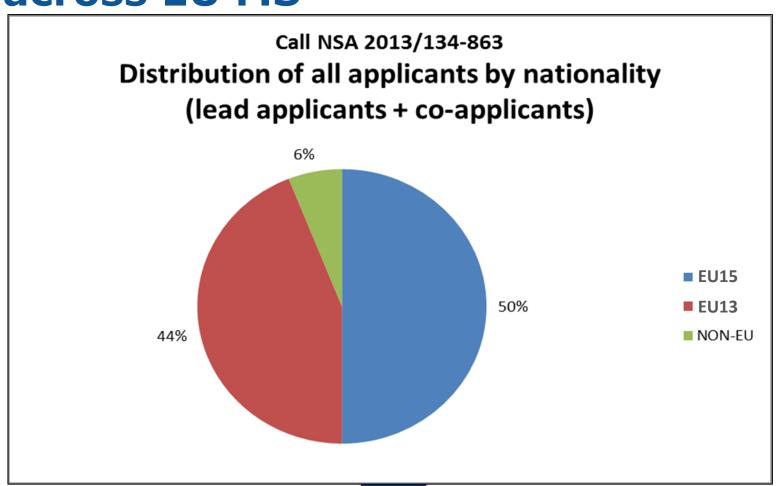
13 EU MS per project

15 actors per project

250 applicants



Balanced distribution of projects across **EU MS**





Next steps for EU DEAR:

Upcoming call for proposals 2016-2017

Total amount foreseen: 92.700.000 EUR

Upcoming events:

- DEAR Fair: 22-23 October 2015

- CSO Forum: 17-18 March 2016



Expert MS meeting on EU DEAR Programme Orientations 1

- Agreement regarding continued relevance of DEAR, particularly in the SDG context
- Support for the strategic orientations introduced in the MIP 2014-2017
- Concern regarding access to DEAR funding for smaller CSOs



MS experts expressed a variety of views on ways forward, among which:

- Sub-granting as a possible option to reach smaller actors
- More flexibility and differentiated access criteria for larger and smaller actors
- Smaller project size and smaller coalitions for some types of action
- Differentiation Education/campaigning
- Earlier notice of calls for proposals to allow more time to build coalitions



Questions for discussion

How do we maintain a quality pan-European DEAR programme while ensuring involvement of smaller actors?

In the event of sub-granting, how do you envision this modality in practice? (Who could manage the scheme? How can transparency be ensured? Etc.)