



Third Interim Meeting of the Policy Forum on Development,

The Partnership Instrument




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Disclaimer

It must be underlined **that DCI negotiations on the involvement of the co-legislators in programming are still on-going with the European Parliament and the Council.**

Therefore the discussions taking place in this forum may not prejudge their outcome, in particular concerning the specific objectives and priorities for each programme fixed in the Regulations themselves or in future delegated acts.

The Commission has also proposed to hold a Strategic dialogue with the European Parliament by which the latter will be able to exert an ex ante political control of the objectives, priorities and allocations to be included in the Multiannual Indicative Programmes before they are adopted.



Outline of presentation

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Context: Major objectives of EU external action (Art 21 TEU)

- Promote **EU values** (Democracy, Human Rights, Rule of law)
 - Contribute to the achievement of the **MDGs**
 - Enhance external projection of **internal policies** to address major challenges
 - **Promote EU interests worldwide**
 - Invest in **EU's Neighbourhood** and underpin our commitment to **Enlargement**
 - Strengthening **international security** by improving crisis prevention and resolution capabilities
 - Demonstrate **solidarity** with people facing man-made or natural disasters
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Context: filling the gap in the current architecture

- **The world has changed**: developing countries (i.e. India, China, Brazil etc) playing an increasingly important role in international economy and trade, in multilateral fora (UN, G-20) and in addressing global challenges
- **Current instruments are limited** in terms of :
 - geographical scope
 - activities covered
- Need for the EU to **promote its interests** worldwide in a flexible manner

Definition

- Major **innovation** of the external action package;
- **Fills the current gap** in the toolbox;
- Supports **peer to peer relationships**;
- Key **external policy tool**
- Budget proposed: **€ 954,8 M** for 2014-2020

Main features

- Objective: **to promote EU and mutual interests worldwide**
- **Global scope**: : all third countries, regions and territories are eligible for cooperation under the PI Regulation, however some rules will have to be set up
- Focus on:
 - **Developed and developing countries playing an increasingly prominent role internationally,**
 - **Countries where the EU has significant interests**
- No **ODA** requirement

General principles

- **Effective and flexible response** to Union's evolving policy agenda with partner countries
- Cooperation policies **driven by agreements, declarations & action plans** with third countries
- **Coherence & consistency** with other areas of external action,
- **Complementarity** with other EU programmes (Competitiveness & SME, Horizon Research 2020 Framework programme, Migration Fund), avoiding duplication and overlap.
 - DCI Global Public Goods and Challenges => poverty reduction alleviation
 - PI => promotion of EU and mutual interests
- **Complementarity** with other EU external instruments (DCI/GPG, ENI, IPA)

Objectives

- Main objective: **to advance & promote EU and mutual interests abroad** by supporting the external dimension of EU policies & by addressing major global challenges
 - Specific objectives:
 - Addressing **major global challenges**;
 - Implementing the **international dimension of the “Europe 2020” Strategy**
 - Improving **market access** & developing **trade & business opportunities** for EU companies through economic partnerships and business and regulatory cooperation;
 - Enhancing widespread **understanding and visibility of the Union** on the world scenes by means of public diplomacy, education/academic cooperation & outreach activities.
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Specific objective 1

- **Overall objective: addressing challenges of global concern**
 - **Energy** activity based on November 2011 Council conclusions on strengthening the external dimension of EU energy policy
 - **Climate change** activity to stimulate partner efforts to sustainable low carbon development path
 - **Environment activity** to deal with global environmental challenges
- **Examples of activities**
 - Uptake of market based low carbon policy solutions, green economy regulatory frameworks, energy dialogues,
 - Produce safety requirements based on EU examples,
 - Policy dialogues on a wide range of policy areas

Specific objective 2

- Implementing the **international dimension of the “Europe 2020” Strategy** (competitiveness, research & innovation, employment & social policy, consumers protection ..) in complementarity with EU instruments outside external action programmes (Horizon 2020, COSME, Asylum and migration fund, Internal security Fund...)

- Examples of **activities**
 - Promote initiatives and actions of EU interest in areas such as transport, information technologies, health and consumer safety,
 - Stimulate science diplomacy with regard to value added research and innovation
 - Support raw materials diplomacy based on strategic partnerships with key suppliers

Specific objective 3

- Improving **market access & developing trade & business opportunities** for EU companies through economic partnerships and **business and regulatory cooperation**
- Examples of possible activities:
 - provide support to EU SMEs to enhance their presence in third countries,
 - trade related regulatory frameworks and standards,
 - fairs focusing on market access,
 - training of European executives,
 - support to implementation of Free Trade Agreements,
 - Intellectual Property Rights regulatory reform;

Specific objective 4

- Enhancing **widespread understanding and visibility of the Union** on the world scenes by means of **public diplomacy & education/academic cooperation**.
- Examples of possible activities:
 - Policy, research & debate with partner countries
 - Academic/education exchanges in context of “Erasmus for all”
 - Public diplomacy and outreach to civil society and enhancement of inter-cultural dialogue

Conclusions

The work ahead

Thank you





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