



## CONCEPT NOTE

### CSO-LA Follow-up consultation on the EU Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme for Asia and The Pacific (2021-2027)

4<sup>th</sup> of December, 8h – 11:30h CET (Brussels time)

#### Context

The EU is committed to inform development partners about its 2021-2027 programming activities and to collect and take due account of their feedback so as to strengthen the effectiveness and impact of its policies and initiatives.

The Policy Forum on Development (PFD) assisted the European Commission to hold consultations on the EU Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme (RMIP) for Asia and Pacific (2021-2027) in 2021, 2023 and 2024 to capture the views of PFD stakeholders and other CSOs and LAs.

A follow-up event with the PFD on the RMIP for Asia and the Pacific is planned for **4 December 2025, 08:00 – 11:30 CET**. The regional consultation will gather participants representing CSO and LA global networks, regional networks and platforms present in Europe, Asia and Pacific.

The objectives of the meeting include:

- Update on progress of the Regional MIP implementation.
- Report on the integration of recommendations from the last PFD consultation in the EC's activities.
- Gathering feedback and remarks from CSOs and LAs on the Regional MIP implementation and the way forward (*see guiding questions at the end of this note*).

The Regional MIP for Asia and Pacific covers a wide geographic area, which is extremely heterogeneous in terms of human and physical geography, economy and level of development and democracy. Complementing the numerous bilateral MIPs, the actions supported by the EU under the Regional MIP therefore vary to better deliver on the partner countries' priorities and EU interests in the complex Asia-Pacific context. Three main priority areas stand out as relevant across the Asia-Pacific Regional MIP:

1. Climate change, energy, environment.
2. Private sector involvement.
3. Migration and forced displacement.

Discussions will be structured around these three priority thematic areas while reflecting on global challenges and the most pressing needs.

## Methodology

**Part I:** Presentation by INTPA on the Asia Pacific RMIP to date, with:

- Updates on the progress of the Regional MIP implementation,
- Feedback on how recommendations from the last PFD consultation have been integrated

Following the presentation, participants can ask questions for clarification.

**Part II:** Thematic discussions in break-out groups:

Gather feedback and remarks from CSOs and LAs on the above-mentioned focus topics for the Regional MIP implementation as well as on how to better engage with CSOs and LAs.

This session will take place in smaller break-out groups to engage in more in-depth discussions. These working groups will allow participants to select a thematic session, engage in exchanges and share their feedback.

**Part III:** Feedback and conclusions

This session will allow rapporteurs to share feedback from their breakout sessions and conclude the meeting.

## ANNEX I: Thematic sessions - Guiding questions

Optional: Attendees who wish to share further details on the questions discussed during the breakout sessions can submit input in writing to the Commission in the week following the event.

Climate change, Energy, Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do CSOs and LAs see opportunities for cross-border collaboration on shared ecosystems or transboundary climate risks? How are they participating in policy reforms in key sectors (e.g. water, energy)?</li><li>• What are CSOs and LAs views on the needs and priorities in terms of sustainable investments? How can the EU best contribute to low-emission and climate-resilient investments in Asia Pacific?</li><li>• What are the views from CSOs and LAs on the EU's increased cooperation on CRM and how cooperation with CSOs and LAs can contribute to ensuring compliance with environmental standards and human rights?</li><li>• How do CSOs in fragile contexts address climate change adaptation and community resilience when state-level cooperation is difficult? How can the EU support climate action that strengthens community-level governance?</li></ul>
Private sector involvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the main areas in which CSOs and LAs already work/see potential to work with the private sector in Asia-Pacific? How can an efficient collaboration between stakeholders be achieved?</li><li>• How can CSOs and LAs help ensure that private sector partnerships contribute to inclusive development, particularly for vulnerable groups (e.g. women, youth, indigenous peoples)?</li><li>• What mechanisms or platforms could strengthen trust and accountability between CSOs, LAs, and private sector actors to ensure long-term, sustainable cooperation?</li><li>• In contexts where private sector activity is limited to community-level engagement, what models of collaboration between CSOs and local entrepreneurs are most effective (e.g. cooperatives, women-led enterprises, informal SMEs)?</li></ul>
Migration and forced displacement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Which gaps do CSOs currently see in the response to the main displacement crises of the past years (e.g. Afghanistan, Rohingya)</li><li>• The EU is supporting programmes on labour migration, decent work, business and human rights. How are CSOs engaging with the private sector on decent work and rights of migrant workers? Can lessons be drawn from this engagement?</li><li>• How are CSOs addressing the climate–migration nexus (e.g. internal displacement due to floods, drought, or extreme weather)?</li><li>• What mechanisms can improve coordination between humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding actors in EU responses to conflict, migration and displacement, ensuring longer-term resilience and integration?</li></ul>