



PFD Follow-up information session on the next Multiannual Financial Framework

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Executive Summary

The Policy Forum on Development hosted an information session organised by the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission (DG INTPA), together with the DG for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST), the DG for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf (DG MENA), the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), and the European External Action Service (EEAS), to update PFD members on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The meeting was held online on 2nd December 2025 and attended by 45 CSO and LA participants from 42 organisations. 13 representatives from EU Member States participated as observers. It was a follow-up meeting of the [PFD Information session on the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework](#) organised on 10 April 2025, and allowed participants to ask clarification questions and to share their views.

The European Commission presented an overview of the Commission's proposal for Global Europe, the main financing instrument for external action in the next MFF. Following adoption by the Commission on 16 July 2025, the proposal is now being negotiated in the European Parliament and the Council.

Participants sought clarification on the 360-degree approach of the Global Gateway and the toolbox of the proposed Instrument, the €100 billion for Ukraine and potential use of additional funds, the balance between programmable and non-programmable actions, and the role of civil society organisations and local authorities as partners in policy dialogue and implementation. They also asked about European preference for implementing partners, the implementation of Civil Society Roadmaps, accountability of INGOs and UN agencies, the “do no significant harm” (DNSH) principle, governance and policy framework of the Global Europe instrument, and the role of export credit agencies.

The European Commission replied to the points raised by the PFD members regarding the implementation modalities contained in the Global Europe toolbox, the scope of non-programmable actions, the role of CSOs as implementing partners, the future of the Civil Society Roadmaps. The application of the DNSH principles and support to Ukraine were also discussed. Finally, the Commission clarified the new elements in the proposed governance of Global Europe, as well as the eligibility of export credit agencies. More information on the next MFF can be found on the Commission webpage: [EU budget 2028-2034](#).