



EU Research Facility on Inequalities

Inception meeting
Brussels, 14th June 2017

Action

- **Research facility funded by the EU under the Development Cooperation Instrument**
- **Implementing agency: Agence Française de Développement**
- **4 M€ - 3 years**
- **Research projects on inequality in DCI eligible countries**

Objectives

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- Enhance knowledge and understanding of economic and social inequalities
- Which drivers and underlying factors at different spatial levels?
- Which are the most effective policies and approaches to address and reduce them?

- **But also...**

- initiate a common reflection with EU Member States and other development partners on ways to strengthen the contribution of EU development cooperation to the fight against inequalities

Strategy

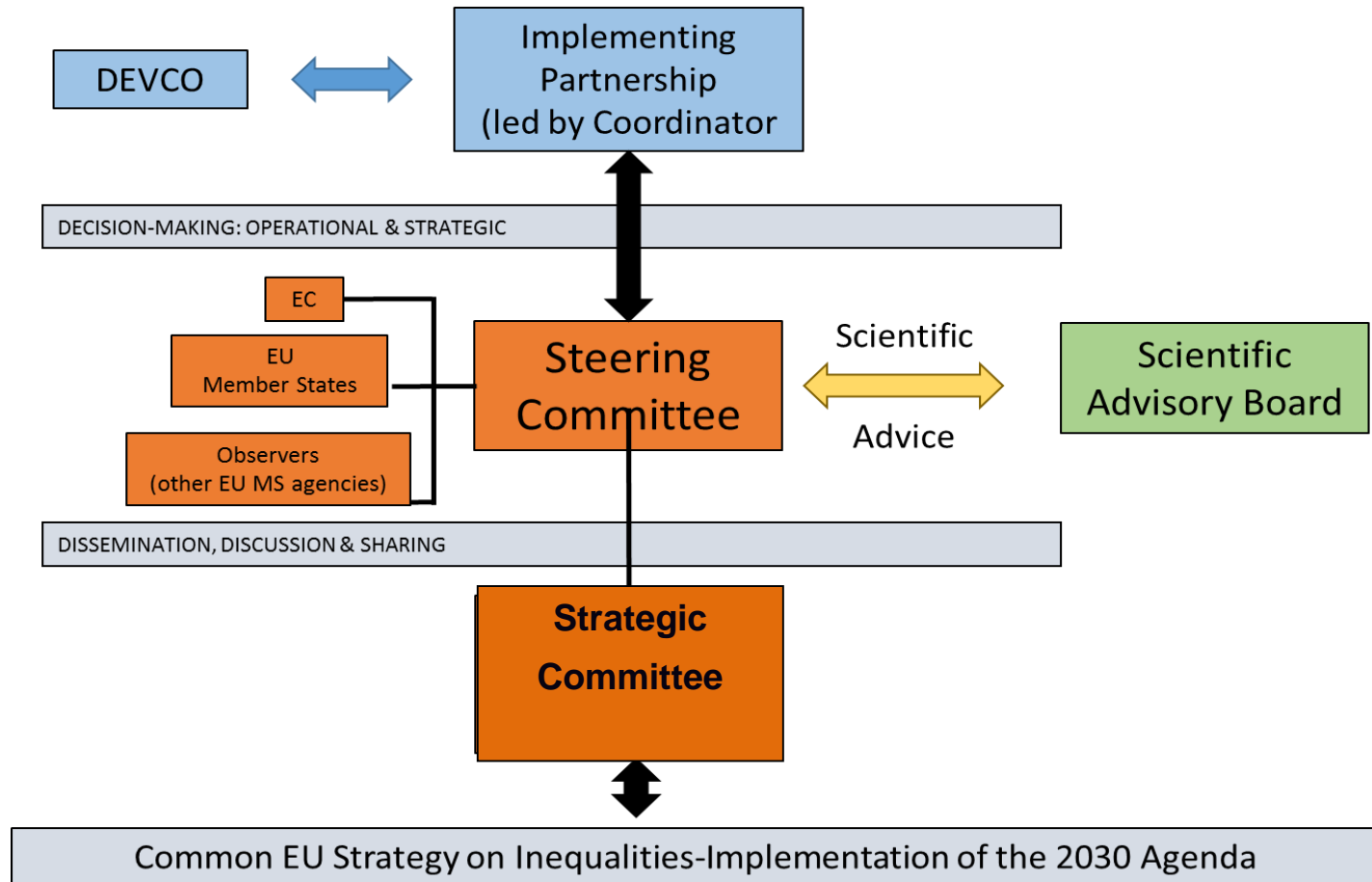
- **Threefold strategy:**

- conducting global research on the drivers and dynamics of economic and social inequalities in developing countries;
- undertaking demand-driven research through a set of selected country case studies;
- supporting partner countries and development partners to integrate the research results in national policies and development cooperation strategies.

- **Thus, 2 types pf research projects:**

- Global and thematic research
- Country- and city-based research

Governance



Global research projects

Call for proposals open to European donors

- **Objective:**

- original global and thematic research on the drivers and dynamics of economic and social inequalities in low and middle income countries
- Which successful policy to address inequalities?

- **Suggested themes**

- Patterns of growth: sector composition of economic growth, macroeconomic policy, initial levels of inequality, inequalities and labour policies.
- Trade policies and inequalities
- Distributional incidence of tax policies.
- Distributional incidence of spending policies: social spending (particularly health, education, social protection) including its impact on horizontal and spatial inequalities.
- Inequalities and decentralization.

Global research projects

Eligibility and modalities

- **European donor + research center (North-Sud cooperation ideally)**
- **Commitment from the donor partner to fund min 25% of the total budget**
- **Budget of max 125 000€ per project on the facility**
- **2 years**
- **Start date: 1st December**

Global research projects

Timeline

- **1st July** – Launch of the call for proposals
- **1st October** – Deadline of submission phase
- **1st November** - Notification to applicants of funding decision
- **1st December** - Indicative date for the start of projects

Country- and city-based research projects

- Partner countries demanded based
- Identification by DEVCO and AFD
- Joint research work by local research centers and AFD research officers