



# About the PFD

## PFD Europe regional meeting

### Ghent, 15-16 January



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## Why the PFD?

- ✓ It is a response to new trends which demand a closer interaction between development actors and partners.
- ✓ In 2014, the PFD evolved from the Structured Dialogue which brought together 700 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Local Authorities (LA) and the EU institutions recommending the European Commission to establish a regular space for dialogue.
- ✓ It brings together CSOs and LA representatives from all over the world to discuss **European development policies** and **global development agendas**.
- ✓ Need for an improved dialogue and forging stronger partnerships, as stated in the new European Consensus on Development.

## What is the PFD?

The PFD is a multi-stakeholder space for dialogue offering CSOs and LAs as well as European Institutions, a venue to exchange experiences and discuss development issues.

Its objectives are:

1. Facilitating dialogue on cross-cutting issues related to the role of CSOs and LAs as development actors;
2. Promoting policy debate, consultation and exchange of information on EU main policies and initiatives in development;
3. Providing a room for regular update and peer review.

## Who is a member of the PFD?

- 62 networks and associations of CSOs and LAs
- representatives from EU Institutions,
- Member States (at global meetings).

Mandates are assigned to organisations (Networks/Associations), their representatives are selected by the members on the basis of:

- Capacity to represent the views of their constituencies, providing them with regular feedback from the PFD;
- Commitment and availability to take part in the PFD and
- Gender balance

## Membership

Category	Africa	Lat Am – Car.	Asia – Pac	NEIGH S-E	EU Platforms	Global	Total
<b>NGOs</b>	3	3	3	2 (1)	9	1	21
<b>Women's org</b>	1	1	1	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (1)	3
<b>Trade Unions</b>	2	2	1	1	1	1	8
<b>Cooperatives</b>	1	1	1	0 (1)	1	1	5
<b>Local Authorities</b>	3	3	3	3	1	1	14
<b>Private Sector</b>	1	1	1	0 (1)	0 (1)	1	4
<b>Total</b>	11	11	10	6 (10)	12 (14)	5 (6)	55 (62)

In brackets the current vacancies

# How does it work in practice? (I)

Regular dialogue on issues such as:

- Enabling Environment
- Implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Role of multi-stakeholder partnerships

This is done through:

- Global and regional meetings
- Research
- Joint papers and working groups
- Participation in other events (European Development Days)

## How does it work in practice? (II)

- **Coordination by the European Commission** (Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development - DEVCO) + active commitment/participation by stakeholders.

Chaired by DEVCO + co-Chairs from the CSO and LA stakeholders.

- PFD Task Team (TT) is chosen by the PFD members to oversee and steer the forum:
  - helps maintain communication between PFD meetings;
  - undertakes preparatory work, agenda setting; and
  - monitors the functioning and performance of the PFD.



# PFD current work



Task Team is carrying out strategic planning for the next three years



Planning a new Communication Strategy



Phase I of PFD Research completed: Implementation of 2030 Agenda (Netherlands, Ghana, Indonesia & Peru). Currently planning the new phase.



Ongoing work on Multi-stakeholder partnerships survey

# What to expect from this PFD?



**Better understanding of the PFD**



**Update on areas and themes of common interest**



**Exchange information to feed into development policies and initiatives**



**Network with other regional participants**