



The European Commission's Reform for More Effective Capacity Development

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Implementation of the Aid Effectiveness Principles

Background:

In 2008, as part of its commitments to Aid Effectiveness, the European Commission embarked on a reform to enhance its approach to Technical Cooperation and project implementation units in order to **support Capacity Development more effectively**.

Improved effectiveness and sustainability of EC development assistance based on:

Provision of quality TC that supports country-led programmes focused on sustainable results

Provision of support through partner-owned Project Implementation Arrangements



Objectives

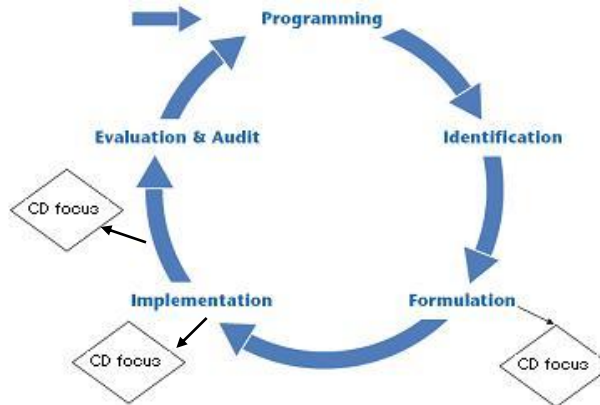
- Change the mindset of EC development practitioners
- Change internal practices in order to incorporate the Paris Declaration and AAA principles



Supporting Capacity Development is the exit strategy out of the traditional aid dependency

Innovation

- **Systematic mainstreaming** of the Aid Effectiveness principles into the EC project cycle.



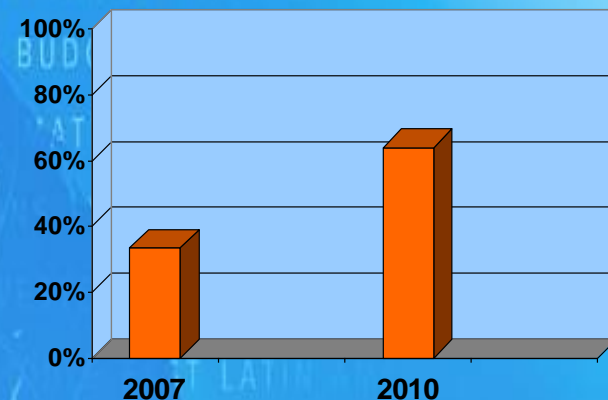
- Setting up of **capacity4dev.eu**, a knowledge sharing platform promoting Capacity Development





Results

- **Bad TC quality programmes** and projects are now being filtered out and amended.
- In 2010, **2 out of 3 EC programmes** are in line with **TC/CD quality criteria** and **97% of the EC programmes** contribute or have the potential to contribute to Capacity Development.
- **Active and regular exchange of information** between EU staff and stakeholders is being promoted by the use of **capacity4dev.eu**.



EC programmes in line with TC/CD quality criteria

Applicability

The European Commission's reform is a telling and relevant example of how a major international donor has translated the Paris and Accra principles such as **ownership**, **results orientation** and **avoidance of Parallel PIUs** into **quality assurance systems**.

