

## Virtual global meeting

15 September 2020

12.00 – 14.00 CET

### Overview

The Policy Forum on Development (PFD) gathers input and makes recommendations into the EU programming cycle, therefore it is hosting a series of virtual discussions alongside written consultations during the period April to November 2020. The initial PFD written consultation was taken by more than 360 PFD members and member affiliates in April-May 2020. Virtual regional meetings included more than 75 PFD member network participants in Europe and the Neighbourhood, Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. Written input will continue to be shared and refined as the virtual discussions continue. At each step and the end of the process, this summarised contribution to programming from PFD members will be widely distributed amongst all PFD members, including EU institutions.

Following the series of regional discussions held in July 2020, the PFD will host a global virtual discussion on 15 September 2020 for an exchange of views on EU programming with Koen Doens, Director General for International Cooperation and Development. The focus of this virtual discussion will be on programming and intends to continue the regional dialogues that focused on the **objectives and priorities of EU programming** and offered some suggestions on the tools and process from PFD members. Building on the questions used in the regional meetings, we intend to cover:

1. What are the **recommendations and key issues** (objectives and priorities) that you would incorporate in EU programming, including the most relevant thematic issues?
2. What aspects of EC priorities are especially relevant in moving forward and “rebuilding better” after COVID-19? How can we **better include civil society and local authorities in EC priorities**?
3. How do you see the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in advancing the priorities of the EU? **How can we strengthen dialogue amongst multiple actors on programming** and beyond, including implementation at all levels?

The meeting is another step in gathering PFD members’ views as the EC responds to COVID-19, reinforces its commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, and implements its overarching priorities (Green Deal, Digitalisation, Sustainable Growth and Jobs, Migration and Governance Peace and Security).

Following this meeting, additional virtual discussions on specific thematic priorities (including potentially: how to address the further exacerbation of inequalities - inclusive economy that works for people; human development and social protection; Green Deal and Digitalisation) are foreseen during the period up to November.

## Methodology

The methodology takes into account the technical boundaries while trying to retain interactivity. The meeting will be a moderated virtual global discussion with simultaneous interpretation (EN, FR and ES). Only the PFD co-chairs, moderator and participants with pre-assigned video conference slots will have the possibility for live interaction; all the other participants will be following a livestream and able to interact (e.g. send comments and questions) via a chat function and the tool SLIDO.

### **Part One: Introduction 12:00-12:15 (15 minutes)**

**Welcome and Introduction** by Koen Doens Director General for International Cooperation and Development and the PFD Co-Chairs, Tanya Cox, Director, CONCORD Europe, Civil Society Co-chair and Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, member of PLATFORMA, Local Authorities Co-chair

### **Part Two: Feedback and reflection on the July regional meetings 12:15 – 12:45 (30 minutes)**

- PFD regional representatives give feedback on the 4 regional meetings (Europe and the Neighbourhood, Africa, Asia and the Pacific as well as Latin America and the Caribbean) - 5 minutes each
- The Director General will respond to the feedback received by the different LA and CSO speakers.

### **Part Three: Global discussion 12:45-14:00 (75 minutes)**

**12:45–13:15** Pre-assigned video conference slots for 8 PFD members by constituencies (1 from NGOs, 1 from cooperatives, 1 from trade unions, 1 from professional and business associations, 2 from associations of local authorities, 1 from diaspora groups and 1 from foundations, taking into account geographical and gender balance) covering the 3 key questions above and potentially asking questions to the DG. The DG will respond after every 2-3 presentations.



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**13:15-13:45** In order to involve the most possible PFD members in the discussion, we will simultaneously filter and compile chat comments and questions from other participants. The DG will give his input on the points raised by PFD members / and respond to few potential questions.

Comments and questions which we do not have time to answer will be answered in a written document following the meeting.

**13:45 – 13:55** Feedback and wrap up from the CSO and LA Co-Chairs

**13:55 – 14:00** Wrap up by DG