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## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A key conclusion of the seminar was that participants warmly welcomed the social protection knowledge shared and learnt at the event. It was agreed that as the Commission is with scarce Social Protection expertise, **the SPaN was a much-needed resource, particularly as it addresses how to work across the humanitarian-development nexus**, and that it is uniquely tailored for fragile and conflict affected contexts. MSs also expressed deep appreciation **to the Commission** for its contribution of SPaN.

Secondly, the Seminar provided a unique and valuable opportunity for the European Commission and the EU MSs and their participating country and HQ staff from different geographical, institutional and thematic contexts and responsibilities, to engage with each other, discuss nexus wide approaches to tackle common challenges, network, and generate further interest and motivation to jointly plan and implement new actions. It further contributes to influence relevant decision-making bodies to formally agree upon common strategies or to resolve certain context specific challenges. As Filippos Pierros noted: “The format of this seminar contributes to the innovation that the European Commission wants and needs.”

## **FOLLOW-UP**

In order to finalize the much-applauded sectoral, thematic and contextual notes and to make them ready for ready for dissemination and application, a new peer review process has been launched at the seminar and will be facilitated by the SPaN team in the upcoming weeks. Participants have been invited to the Communities of Practice on capacity4dev and the G20 platform socialprotection.org, where all parts of the GP will be disseminated.

Next products under the GP are further remote interviews, certain webinars and an e-learning journey. By means of this seminar the SPaN initiative has put the rich content of the Guidance Package at the disposal of the stakeholders in order to use and test for its intended purpose. The European Commission will not continue the initiative with the same intensity as during the past two years. In the future, further collective efforts by Commission services, project implementing partners and EU MSs are needed to keep it up-to date and self-learning.

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