

OECD Multi-stakeholder Workshop

“Official development assistance extended by local and regional governments, and emerging paradigms in decentralised development co-operation (DDC)”

9 June 2017 (9h-18h), Brussels - Room JDE 61, Committee of Regions

Background

The first stakeholder workshop on *Official development assistance extended by local and regional governments, and emerging paradigms in decentralised development co-operation (DDC)* aims at discussing the preliminary results of the OECD/DevCO ongoing project to review and analyse recent trends, financial flows, actors and mechanisms of decentralised development co-operation.

The first session will discuss key figures, trends and highlights from an OECD Survey to DAC members (Development Assistance Committee) to take stock of the evolution of ODA extended by local and regional governments since 2005. In addition to the trends on ODA flows, the main providers and their geographical and sectoral priorities, the experts will brainstorm on current DDC-related data gaps and how to improve the data coverage on DDC financing.

The second session will then focus on the emerging paradigms in DDC, stressing that DDC includes a much broader range of activities than ODA, such as twinning, peer-to-peer learning, capacity building for local governance, and clarifying the different roles of the various levels of government in DDC. This session will build on the findings of the qualitative section of the DAC Survey, which collected data on the diversity, roles and motivations of DDC actors; the geographical and sectoral priorities of DDC providers; (co-)financing schemes; multi-level governance challenges and good practices to bridge them, amongst others.

The third session will zoom on four case studies that will be investigated in the project (July-September 2017). Representatives from LRGs will share their storyline with the audience, and single out key challenges and good practices for DDC in different sectors, from healthcare, agriculture and food security, gender, SDGs and water.

In the fourth and final session participants will brainstorm on the relevance of DDC for localising Global Agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, COP 22 and the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III) and migration. The role of local and regional governments as key actor for localising and achieving such commitments, the coordination with the national governments and the possible support from international organisations will be discussed.

DRAFT AGENDA

08.30 – 09.00	Welcome reception and Registration
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Presentation of the project and objectives of the workshop</p> <p>Ms. Aziza Akhmouch - Head of Unit “SDGs, Water, Local Public Services”, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD</p> <p>Mr. Patrick Rabe - OECD Delegate of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) European Union</p> <p>Mr. Michel Laloge - Head of sector, Unit B2 Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities, DG DEVCO, European Commission</p>
09.30 – 11.00	<p>Key highlights from OECD DAC Survey on ODA extended by Local and Regional Governments (2005-2015)</p>
	<p>Presentation of the statistical analysis by OECD Secretariat (20 min)</p> <p>Group discussion with stakeholders (1h10)</p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Emerging Paradigms in Decentralised Development Cooperation: Going beyond Financial Flows.</p>
	<p>Presentation of key trends in DDC players, sectors, priorities and mechanisms by OECD Secretariat (20 min)</p> <p>Group discussion with stakeholders (1h10)</p>
13.00 - 14.15	Lunch Break
14.15 – 16.00	<p>Lessons learned from selected case studies of decentralised development co-operation</p>
	<p>Overview of the project’s case studies (10 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flanders, Belgium – DDC to promote healthcare, agriculture and food security - Basque Region, Spain – DDC to promote gender equality - Tuscany, Italy – DDC to support SDGs localisation - France – DDC and water <p>Group discussion and other relevant stories (1h)</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 17.45	<p>Decentralised Development Co-operation : a vehicle for localising Global Agendas</p>
	<p>Open discussion on DDC contribution to key global agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDGs • Paris Climate Agreement • New Urban Agenda • Migration • Other, as appropriate
17.45 – 18.00	Conclusion & Next steps