



DEVCO Exchange Seminar

"Engaging strategically with civil society – putting EU Country Roadmaps into practice"

Final Agenda

Date: 29 June – 01 July 2015

Venue: Management Centre Europe, Rue de l'Aqueduc, 118 / Waterleidingsstraat 118, 1050 Ixelles

Introduction: The main objective of the seminar is to exchange experiences and practices with regard to the first generation of EU Country Roadmaps. The seminar will look at how this new process 'landed' in EU Delegations, and its implications on the way of working. Particular emphasis will be put on the operational and practical aspects of the Roadmap exercise, such as coordination between different services and missions; moving from strategy to policy and political dialogue, knowledge and information challenges, monitoring and evaluating, etc.

Monday 29 June		
INTRODUCTION	09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee / tea
	09:30 – 09:45	Welcome Lotte Knudsen, Director, DEVCO B, Human Development and Migration
	09:45 – 10:15	Introduction of objectives and participants Presentation of seminar objectives by DEVCO Introduction of participants and seminar methodology by ECDPM
	10.15 – 10.30	EU Engagement with civil society General messages by Silvio GONZATO, Director, Human Rights and Democracy, EEAS
	10.30 – 10.45	Q&A session
	10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break

PART 1 TAKING STOCK	<i>The first part of this seminar sets the scene by providing an overall balance sheet of the initial experiences gained with the Roadmaps as a tool to engage more strategically with civil society.</i>	
	11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 1.1: Overall balance sheet: facts, trends, challenges and initial lessons learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadmaps: Basic facts and trends by DEVCO • Short framing of group work by the Roadmap Facility • Discussion in groups by region in breakout rooms • Plenary discussion
	13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
PART 2 IMPLEMENTATION	14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 2.1: How to move from strategy to action? Session on activating the Roadmap (or moving from priorities to effective action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing of the issues at stake by DEVCO • Operationalisation of the Roadmap by the Roadmap Facility • Panel with EUDs: Moving from priorities to concrete actions: innovations and challenges • Use of instruments (CSO-LA Thematic Programme, EIDHR, ENI bilateral programming) by DEVCO and NEAR • Plenary discussion
	15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	15:45 – 17:30	<p>Session 2.2: To what extent and how has the Roadmap process allowed to deepen and institutionalise consultations and dialogue with civil society?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by CONCORD on the mutual engagement between EU Delegations and civil society • Panel with EUDs • Plenary discussion with EU based members of the Policy Forum on Development
	17:30 – 19.00	<i>Networking event (ground floor, MCE)</i>

Tuesday 30 June	
9:15 – 9:30	<i>Coffee</i>
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 2.3: The role of EUDs in promoting a more conducive environment for civil society?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy context and the EU response by Andrea ROSSI, EEAS, Division for Human Rights & Multilateral Diplomacy • Introduction of case studies on closing and opening space for civil society by DEVCO and EUD Brazil • Panel with EUDs on experiences in promoting an enabling environment • Plenary discussion
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Session 2.4: How to ensure complementarity and coherence between Roadmaps and related initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing the challenges and opportunities by DEVCO • Human rights country strategies by Nieves Gloria FERNANDEZ DEL COTERO SECADES and Julita BAS, EEAS, Division for Human Rights & Multilateral Diplomacy • Democracy Profiles and Action Plans by Sylwia DOMISIEWICZ, EEAS, Division for Democracy & Electoral Observation • Joint programming by Lino MOLTENI, DEVCO A2, Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing and Saffia DIOP, EEAS, Division for Development Cooperation Coordination <p>Discussants from EUDs and plenary discussion</p>
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

	14:00 – 15.30	<p>Session 2.5: How to promote effective collaboration between civil society and local authorities –promoting a “territorial approach to local development” (TALD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Jorge RODRIGUEZ BILBAO, DEVCO B2 • Panel with EUDs • Plenary discussion
	15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	15:45 – 16:30	<p>Session 2.6: Civil society participation in policy and budget processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by DEVCO 03 (Budget Support and Public Finance Management) and DEVCO B2 • Panel with EUDs • Plenary discussion
	16:30 – 17:30	<p>Open session - topics to be defined by participants – breakout rooms available</p>

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	9:00-9:30	<i>Coffee</i>
Part 3 MONITORING AND UPDATING	<i>The third part of this seminar looks at monitoring the implementation of Roadmap priorities and the related updates</i>	
	9:30-10:00	<p>Session 3.1: Brief introduction on next steps regarding reporting and updating by DEVCO</p> <p>Q&A session</p>
	10:00-11:30	<p>Session 3.2: Roadmap indicators and effective monitoring – how to improve relevance, feasibility and practical use</p> <p>This session looks at emerging experiences with monitoring Roadmap implementation, coordination and specific approaches and tools developed or adopted by Delegations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing the issues and challenges by the Roadmap Facility • Concrete cases by EUDs • Plenary discussion

	11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
PART 4: OPERATIONAL ISSUES	<i>The fourth part of this seminar looks at concrete operational aspects, including funding modalities, global and regional support, available support measures and facilities and communication.</i>	
	11:45 – 12:30	Session 4.1: CSO-LA Thematic programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status and update by Erika PASQUINI, DEVCO B2 and DEVCO B6 • Q&A session
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
	14:00 – 14:45	Session 4.2: Update on the Policy Forum for Development and EU support to global and regional CSO platforms/ umbrellas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Salima CHITALIA and Christine LAMARQUE, DEVCO B2 • Q&A session
	14:45 – 15:30	Session 4.3: Support Mechanisms for EU delegations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Roadmap Facility by Marie DE COUNE DEVCO B2 and the Roadmap Facility • Other related support by Lenka VITKOVA and Fanny LAFOURCADE, DEVCO B1 and Marie DE COUNE, B2 • Plenary discussion • Introduction to the C4D groups and other media and platforms by the Roadmap Facility
	15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
PART 5 CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS	<i>What did we learn, what do we conclude and where do we go next?</i>	
	15:45 – 16:15	Conclusions and reactions from participants
	16:15 – 16:45	Brief summary of seminar by ECDPM
	16:45 – 17:00	Conclusions, next steps and closure by Patrice LENORMAND, Deputy Head of Unit, DEVCO B2
DECOMPRESSION		It's market day at nearby Pl. Châtelain/ Kasteleinsplein...