

## Structured Dialogue:

# Involvement of civil society & local authorities in EC cooperation

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# 1/ Overall Objective of the structured Dialogue 2010

The starting point is Article 20 AAA:

- Deepen engagement with CSOs
- Have interest in ensuring that CSOs contributions reach their full potential

Structured dialogue aims at increasing the **effectiveness of all stakeholders** involved in EC cooperation by:

- **Building consensus** on the main issues to be addressed concerning the role of CSOs & LAs,
- Finding ways to **improve the effectiveness of CSO & LA** involvement in EC cooperation and to **adapt EC modalities** accordingly.

# 1/ Specific Objectives - expected results

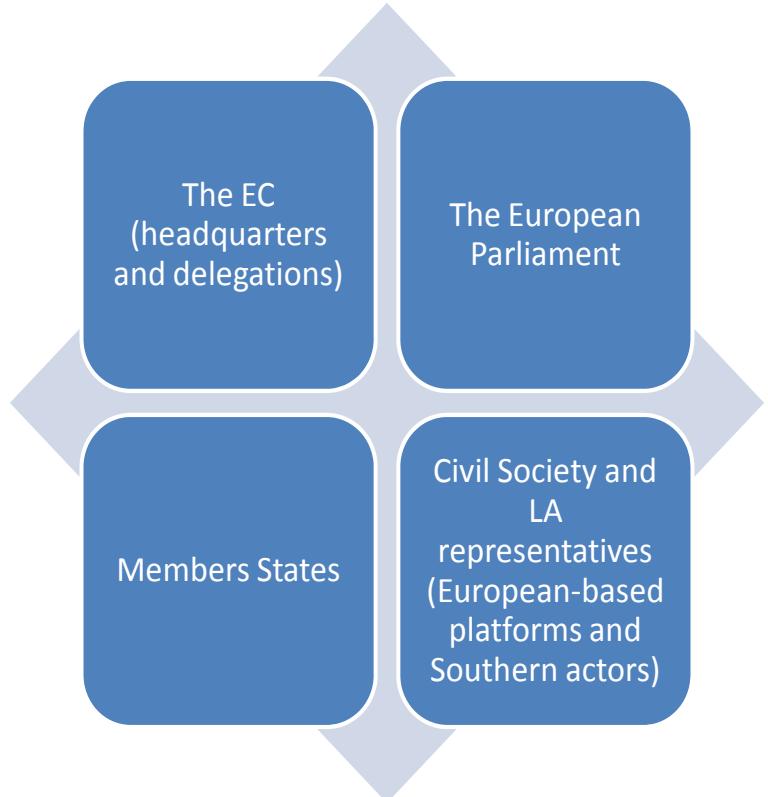
The dialogue process shall help to:

- Elaborate a **shared definition** of the specific role, responsibilities, added value of various categories of CSO & LA in EC cooperation from programming to evaluation.
- Explore the potential for **partnership** between EU CSO & LA and local CSO & LA.
- At the country level, explore **the respective role of the various stakeholders** (State & CSOs & LA) involved in development efforts.

# 1/ Specific Objectives - expected results

- At the country level, enhance the **complementarity** between the EC programmes supporting CSO & LA (both geographic & thematic).
- Concretize recommendations on maximising the potential and effectiveness of the **call for proposals** system and improving the **sustainability** of projects.
- Identify **alternative aid mechanisms** to allow a more strategic involvement of CSOs and LAs through longer-term partnerships.
- Explore options to **improve future EC initiatives in specific areas**: (i) Development Education & Awareness Raising, (ii) support to local & regional authorities and (iii) Democracy & Human Rights.

## 2/ WHO – the actors involved



## 2/ WHO – the actors involved in Brussels

EC

- **Genuine EC process** (DEV/RELEX/EuropeAid).
- **EuropeAid** acting as secretariat at the level of the **Directorate F (Unit F1)**.

EP

- **DEVE Committee** (in particular the Working Group D) will lead the European Parliament participation in the process. All MEP from others Committees will be encouraged to attend

MS

- Representatives of **Ministries and National Development Agencies** will participate in their capacity of members of the DCI and EIDHR Committees or as designed focal point to follow the entire process.

CSO&LRA

- In total **8 CSO&LRA platforms have already been identified** and involved in the preparations of the Quadrilogue (CONCORD, CoopsEurope, ENoP, Green10, HRDN, ITUC, Platforma, Red Cross)
- It can **be envisaged to invite other** (traditional and emerging) actors

## 2/ WHO – the actors involved: in the South

EUD

- Involvement of EU Delegations is strongly needed as they are the **main actor responsible for engaging with local stakeholders at the country level.**
- Consultations shall take place in Western & Central Africa, Latin America & Asia
- Other regions, such as Southern Neighbourhood, are considered for specific activities, such as the supporting initiative dealing with Democracy and Human Rights.
- In total, **around 30 / 35 Delegations** will be involved and additional **17** Delegations targeted in the supporting initiative on Democracy and Human Rights.

CSO&LRA

- With the support of EU Delegations & technical assistance, together with European-based and Southern CSO and LRA platforms (including their constituencies), local CSO & LRAs will be selected according to certain selection criteria that will be commonly refined and agreed upon

### 3/ Content of the dialogue

**Role of CSO&LA in external cooperation from programming to evaluation**

**Complementarity and coherence within the AAA**

**EC aid delivery mechanisms**

Policy level

Implementation level

# WG 1 : Role of CSO&LA in external cooperation from programming to evaluation

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- *On the roles of the actors:*

- The added value of the **different families of actors**
- The value of a multi-stakeholder approach and ways to foster **cooperation among actors**.
- **CSOs as both implementation & governance partners (advocacy, “watch dog”)**
- **Role of local stakeholders**

# WG 1 : Role of CSO&LA in external cooperation from programming to *evaluation* - *continued*

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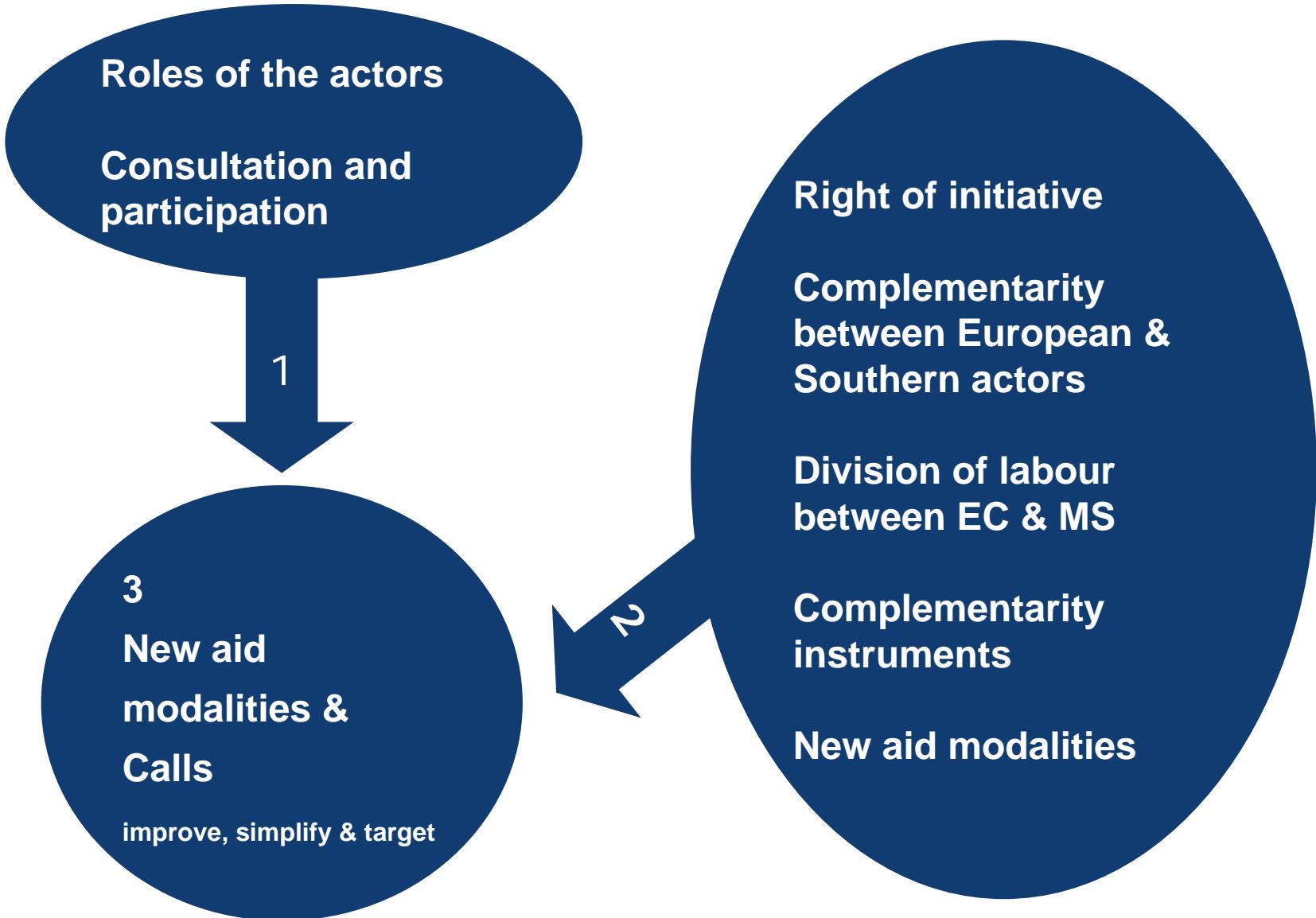
- *On consultation & participation:*

- EU to facilitate an **enabling environment for local CSO & LRA** at the country level.
- How to organise **genuine consultations** of local stakeholders? (in different sectors)
- On the **knowledge of actors**: Discussion on the methodology to launch a mapping of civil society.

# WG 2 : Complementarity and coherence within the AAA

- *CSOs Right of initiative*
  - In Aid Effectiveness Agenda
  - In relations with National Development Strategies
- *Complementarity between European & Southern actors*
- *Division of labour between EC and Member states*
- *Complementarity among EC instruments & within EC development external cooperation*
  - Thematic vs geographic
  - Need for comprehensive strategy?

# Overview



# WG 3 : EC aid delivery mechanisms

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- ***New aid modalities in support to & through CS&LA:***

- **Recent reforms of MS funding of CSOs and LAs** in line with the Aid Effectiveness Agenda (i.e. core funding, pool funding mechanisms, etc)
- Should we switch from a project-based approach to an “actor-based” approach? How?

# WG 3 : EC aid delivery mechanisms

- ***Call for proposals (CfP)***

- How to adapt CfP procedures, especially local calls?
- How to make the CfP system more effective?
- How, where (and when appropriate) to shift to a more strategic, partnership-oriented & sustainable approach?

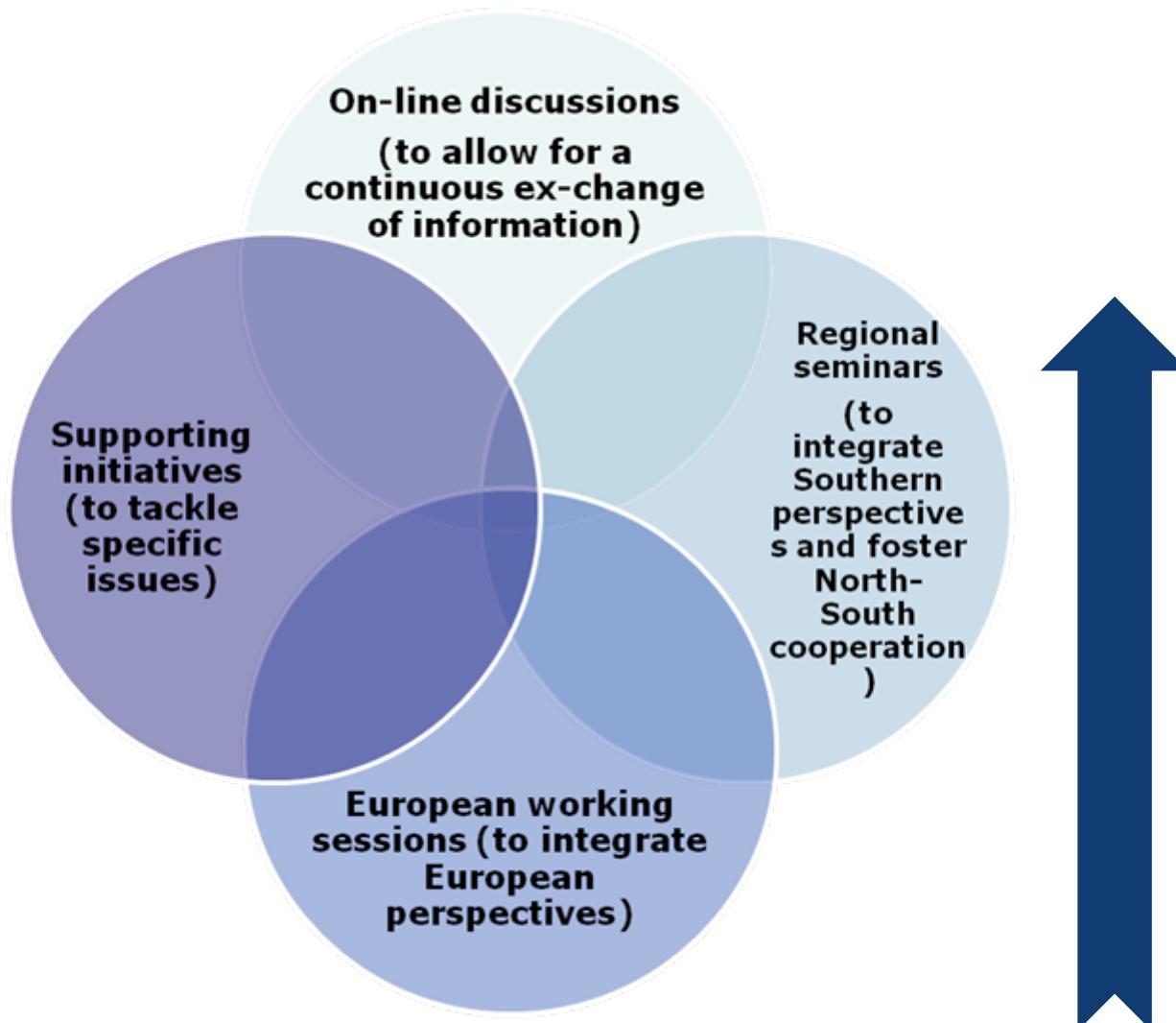
- ***Better targeting***

- How to simplify procedures?
- How to improve EC instruments & programmes?

## 4/Activities & Timetable

- The structured dialogue will officially start on the 23rd of March 2010 (though the preparatory phase is underway since July 2009).
- Based on the outputs and outcomes of the 2010 exercise & the evolution of the EU institutional context, the process will continue in 2011 with a Final Conference and related events which will wrap-up the outcomes of the whole process (likely to happen in Spring 2011, under Hungarian Presidency).
- It will be a global, **multi-level process**, articulated around **live events and on-line discussions**.

## 4/The process : articulation components



March 2010	April 2010	June 2010	July 2010	September 2010	October 2010	November 2010	2011
European working session 1: Official launch	European Working Session 2	Regional seminar 1 – Bamako	European working session 3	Regional seminar 2 – Paraguay	European working session 4	Regional seminar 3 - Asia	Final Conference and related activities
23 March	27 April	1-4 June	13 July	13-16 September	Between 5 and 8 October (tbc)	November	Spring 2011
Participants:  •EEC (HQ) •MEP •MMember-States •EEuropean CSO & LA Platforms	Participants (max 25 participants in each WG):  •EC (HQ) •MEP •MMS •EEuropean CSO & LA Platforms	Participants (around 120):  •AAfrica-based CSO&LA •EEU delegations •RRepresentation of participants to the European working sessions (EC HQ, European CSO & LA Platforms, MEP, MS)	Participants (max 25 participants in each WG):  •EC (HQ) •MEP •MMS •EEuropean CSO & LA Platforms	Participants around 100):  •LLatin America-based CSO&LA representatives •EEU delegations •RRepresentation of participants to the European working sessions (EC HQ, European CSO & LA Platforms, MEP, MS)	Participants (max 25 participants in each WG):  •EC (HQ) •MEP •MMS •EEuropean CSO & LA Platforms	Participants (around 120):  •AAAsia-based CSO&LA representatives •EEU delegations •RRepresentation of participants to the European working sessions (EC HQ, European CSO & LA Platforms, MEP, MS)	
On-line tool							

## For more information

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<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/dialogue>

### **By the end of March:**

- Background document
- Access to the online tool : blog & wiki platform

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