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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – April 2017

Classical training:

Nairobi (EN): 3-7 April
Khartoum (EN): 7-11 May
Ankara (EN): 22-26 May
London (EN): 5-9 June
Yangon (EN): 25-29 Sept.
Bamako (FR): 02-06 Oct.

Distance learning training:

"A very short introduction to the FPA 2014";
"The Single Form PDF 2014";
"The Final Report 2014";
"The Audit Process 2014".

<http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dl/start>

Do you have any visibility plan or best practice that you would like to share on visibility website? **Please send them to:** visibility-helpdesk@echo-visibility.eu



WORLD RECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE: THIRD EDITION

The European Commission, the World Bank's Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, the United Nations Development Programme and the ACP Group of States would like to extend their invitation to the third edition of the **World Reconstruction Conference**, a step toward implementation of the fourth priority of the Sendai Framework. The conference will take place in **Brussels, on 6-8 June 2017**.

The third edition of the World Reconstruction Conference will build on the first two World Reconstruction Conferences held in May 2011 and September 2014. Both events brought together over 500 experts and practitioners from governments, international organisations, NGOs, academia, and the private sector who used the opportunity to share their best practices and lessons learned on recovery, and explore the nexus between resilient recovery efforts and sustainable poverty reduction.

Venue: Square - Brussels Meeting Centre, rue Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels
For more information and to register, click [here](#).

AID ZONE SERIES: EURONEWS AND ECHO

The pan-European TV channel **Euronews** joined forces with **ECHO** to produce a series of 12 **video reports on humanitarian crises around the world**.

The spotlight is on **refugees and the many complex causes that lead them to fleeing their homes**. In each report, Euronews travels to a different region and looks into humanitarian projects funded by the EU.

Discover more here:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/resources-campaigns/multimedia/aid-zone-series_en

NEW GUIDANCE ON CASH TRANSFERS IN 2017 HIPs AND ESOP

The use of **multi-purpose cash transfers** as a **central component of humanitarian assistance** is becoming increasingly important, in particular in the context of protracted crises in middle-income countries.

Hence, ECHO has developed a **guidance for Partners**. The document will apply principally in cases where ECHO is providing medium or large scale funding to deliver cash transfers in a given country/crisis and where cash transfers make up a significant part of the overall response. It applies to stable, protracted crises.

Novelties concern, above all, the separation of cash based activities within two components:

- **Component A:** delivery of the cash transfer, including financial service providers' fees, card issuance and other financial transaction costs. ECHO expects an indicative **efficiency ratio of 90:10** to be achieved for the delivery part of multi-purpose cash transfers (component A). This means that at least 90% of the value of a contract for this component will directly reach beneficiaries, in the form of cash.
- **Component B:** all other activities such as beneficiary registration, where this needs to be included, beneficiary enrolment and/or targeting, specific needs assessments, establishment and maintenance of a complaints/appeals mechanism, monitoring and evaluation.

Furthermore, **ECHO will favour working with a single contracting Partner** for component A, signing a single contract. In most cases, this will mean one contract and one contracting partner per country or crisis. The same will apply for component B. These aspects could be the subject of a separate contract or contracts, preferably with a party that is not the one retained for the delivery of the cash transfers, in order to minimise potential conflicts of interest.

To access the document and discover more, please go to:

http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/actions_implementation/cash_and_vouchers/start



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