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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – December 2013

Upcoming training sessions

Classical training:

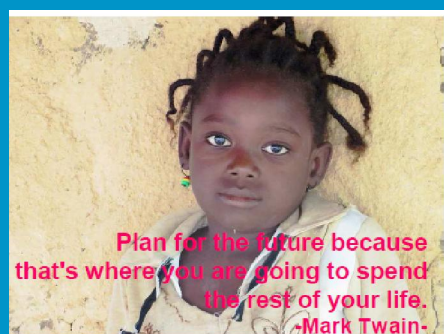
Copenhagen (EN): 16-20 December
Jerusalem (EN): 15-22 January
Managua (ES): 22-29 January
Nairobi (EN): 22-29 January
Niamey (FR): 22-29 January
Bangkok (EN): 29 January- 5 February

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

Distance learning training:

Training calendar and all information related to all available asynchronous distance learning courses at:

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



FINDINGS FROM DG ECHO PARTNERS' CONFERENCE 2013

During last **DG ECHO Partners' Conference**, that took place in Brussels on 5th and 6th November, 2013, **DG ECHO operational perspectives 2014** have been presented, along with the **budget allocation per country**.

Africa: *Sudan & South Sudan* €80 Millions, *DRC and Great Lakes* €50M+€10M for *ECHO-Flight*, *Chad* €29,5M of which €17,5M for *Sahel*, *Central African Republic* €14,5M, *Horn of Africa* €84M, *Southern Africa* €7M, *Sahel* €57M, *Mali* €28M, *Nigeria* €7,5M, *Cote d'Ivoire* €2M;

Middle East and Mediterranean region: *Syria* €100M, *Iraqi crisis* €4M, *Palestine* €29,5M, *Yemen* €33M, *Sahrawi crisis (Algeria)* €10M;

South-West Asia, Caucasus & Central Asia: *Pakistan* €40M, *Afghanistan* €28,5 M, *DIPECHO* €8M;

South Asia: *India* €6M, *Nepal* €0,8M, *Bangladesh* €12,5M;

South East Asia and Pacific: *Burma/Myanmar and Thailand* €18M, *Papua New Guinea* €1,5M, *DIPECHO* €11M;

Latin America and the Caribbean: *Haiti* €18,5M, *Colombia* €13,029M, *DIPECHO* €10,747M.

All DIPECHO multi-annual plans started in 2013 will continue to be implemented in 2014.

Furthermore, during the Conference, the changes introduced by the new FPA have been explained in great details.

– **New Single Form: modular approach** (different formats adapted to Partners and nature of Action); **Key Result Indicators** (standard indicators available from a dropdown list on the Single Form 2014); **European Commission's Gender-Age Marker**, a tool to assess to what extent each funded Action integrates gender and age considerations;

– **Simplified rules in procurement procedures** (mandatory principles and special provisions for medical and food supplies); **amendments** (non-essential changes and mutual consent); new rules on **depreciation**; **remaining equipment and goods** (new provisions on donation, transfer and low value

allowance); **reporting** (timing and obligation for submission, Final Report strongly simplified and annexes reduced);

– **Financial matters related to 2014 FPA:** Partners' risk assessment at contracting stage, eligibility rules at implementation stage, financial reporting at closure stage.

All presentations and related information can be found at: <http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dec/2013/start>

All new 2014 documents available and downloadable here: http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/preparing_an_action/fpa2014

NEWS FROM THE ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE SYSTEM (APPEL)

Already in place since a while and formally introduced in the FPA 2014, the Electronic Exchange System between DG ECHO and its Partners (APPEL) is gradually receiving new functionalities. Lately, we have integrated in APPEL the Request for Complementary Information after the submission of the Final Report. We are asking Partners to submit their answers to the "stop the clock letters" (revised Single Form or new annexes) through APPEL. This would restart the process of analysis of the Final Report automatically, while the IT system remains blocked if the answer is sent via mail. Coming soon in APPEL... comprehensive information about the situation of your organisation with regard to DG ECHO risk analysis will be available in APPEL by the end of the year. A new release of the Single Form will come in the first quarter of 2014. It will include some corrections and new functionalities like the contextual embedded guidelines that were present in PDF SF 2008.

FPA'S ON THE ROAD

On Dec. 4th DG ECHO has started to send out the FPA to its Partners for signature. A proposal to amend all ongoing grant agreements (with end date > 01/01/2014) is joined to the FPA. Partners who don't agree with the list of proposed grant agreements to be amended (for all or some grant agreements) have to contact ECHO by Jan. 15th. Les CCP en français seront envoyées à partir du 12 décembre. ECHO C3 is present at the first classical FPA trainings to take note of questions and concerns of Partners about the new FPA.



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