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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – December 2015

ECHO PRIORITIES FOR 2016: FEEDBACKS FROM THE ECHO CONFERENCE

Distance learning training:

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

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During the Annual Partner conference, ECHO presented its **priorities for 2016**.

The countries/areas identified as priorities remain those who are experiencing dire humanitarian situation exacerbated by insecurity and tensions, human and natural disasters, food insecurity and malnutrition, high mortality of children under five, IDPs and refugees crises, lack of basic life-saving aid in the main humanitarian sectors.

Furthermore, **DRR/resilience** will remain important and relevant activities will be supported in particularly vulnerable countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia. Special focus will be placed on humanitarian needs of **refugees, asylum seekers and migrants** crossing or stranded in Western Balkans.

Finally, the Commission has informed of its decision to step up in 2016 its funding for **education in emergencies** to 4% of the EU's overall humanitarian budget.

To find more information on the Partner conference, please visit: <http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/ec2015/start>.

EU AID VOLUNTEERS: WHAT'S NEW?

Starting from 2016, trained volunteers will be deployed as EU Aid Volunteers in humanitarian projects worldwide!

In 2016, ECHO will also launch:

- The EU Aid Volunteers Platform
- A new call for deployment proposals
- A new call for proposals for technical assistance and capacity building for sending and hosting organisations

To discover how to get involved please visit: <http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/ec2015/start> and click on the presentation "EU Aid Volunteers".

Note also that a Tender for EU Aid Volunteers Training has just been launched. The objective of this tender is to develop a training programme for the EU Aid Volunteers initiative, to provide training services to candidate volunteers and to assess the competences of the candidate trained. The tender is available at: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/calls-for-tenders/eu-aid-volunteers-training_en

NEW RELEASE OF THE SINGLE FORM GUIDELINES

The Single Form Guidelines have been updated. Main sections concerned by the changes are:

- 4.3.1 **"Estimated total number of direct beneficiaries targeted by the result"**: the box "households" will be used when no exact figures are available on individual beneficiaries or when the results foresee a counting by households; "Households" and "individuals" are mutually exclusive. The partner **has to choose** between the two options to enter the number of targeted beneficiaries;
- 12.2 **"Administrative information"**: the partner can add as many names of contact person as deemed necessary. When the contact persons in an Action need to be changed, the partner can modify the contact persons directly in APPEL by clicking the button **'Update contact details'**.

The Annex 2 "Comparison table between the 3 SF modules" has been updated accordingly. To access the document please go to: http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/reference_documents/start



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