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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – June 2015

Classroom training:

Santo Domingo (EN): 22-26 June
Khartoum (EN): 5-9 July
Nairobi (EN): 21-25 September
Ndjamena (FR): 21-25 September

Distance learning training:

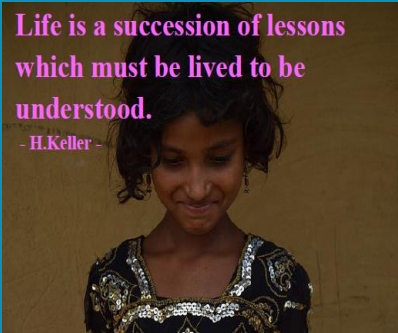
"The Final Report 2014"
"A very short introduction to the FPA 2014";
"The Audit Process 2014";
"The Single Form PDF 2014".

<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**

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

- H.Keller -



EU AID VOLUNTEERS INITIATIVE – A NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Have you heard the news? After long months of consultation with you, 3 phases of pilot projects, many lessons learned and the establishment of a legal base, the fully-fledged EU Aid Volunteers initiative is here.

The EU Aid Volunteers provides opportunities to European citizens, from a wide range of backgrounds and with a diversity of skills and professional experience, to get involved in humanitarian aid projects, support the provision of needs-based humanitarian aid in third countries and engage in volunteering opportunities, through deployment and online-volunteering.

Furthermore, it aims to strengthen the capacity and resilience of vulnerable communities in third countries, through the implementation of joint projects between experienced humanitarian operators and local organisations in third countries - 'We Care, We Act' .

Interested in getting involved?

- 1. Become a certified sending or hosting organisation**
- 2. Build a consortium of European and third country organisations**
- 3. Submit a project proposal for capacity building or deployment of EUAVs**

1. Certification is now open!

All organisations wishing to send or host volunteers under the EUAV initiative **must first be certified under the initiative**. The certification process verifies that the high standards and procedures of volunteer management set to protect and manage volunteers during their deployment under the EUAV initiative can be fully realised and met by all participating organisations.

For further details on the application process for certification, click: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers/actions/certification-mechanism-for-sending-and-hosting-organisations_en

2. Build a consortium of European and third country organisations

Transnational partnerships are at the core of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative, valued as a means of transferring knowledge, sharing best practice and increasing expertise. The EUAV initiative is open to consortia of European and third country organisations. Looking for a partner, check out this helpful tool: <https://euav-infodaytool.teamwork.fr/>

3. Submit a project proposal for capacity building or deployment of EUAVs

This June, the call for proposals for deployment shall be launched. Certified sending and hosting organisations can apply for funding to deploy volunteers to humanitarian contexts, in support of disaster risk reduction/preparedness activities and emergency response.

Not certified yet?

Funding is available to support organisations in their preparation for certification, in view of future participation in the EUAV initiative. Project proposals for technical assistance for sending organisations and capacity building for hosting organisations are now being accepted.

For more information, consult: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/eu-aid-volunteers_en



Don't miss the opportunity to strengthen your capacity to deliver humanitarian aid activities, while supporting the resilience of communities most affected by humanitarian crisis.



DG ECHO website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/echo>

Partners website:
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For additional information or suggestions, please contact ECHO-FINANCE-LEGAL-AFFAIRS@ec.europa.eu



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GUIDELINES ON REMOTE MANAGEMENT

ECHO has published Its new Approach on Remote Management. It replaces the note to ECHO staff from 2013. You will find it here: http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/actions_implementation/remote_management/start

THE NEW HPC REGISTER IS ONLINE

The online HPC Register has been updated. It provides the list of the organisations which currently benefit from the recognition by ECHO as HPCs as well as an indication of their main areas of activity and the countries to which they supply goods or services.

You can find it at:

[http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/actions_implementation/procurement_in_humanitarian_aid/hpc?s\[\]=hpc](http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/actions_implementation/procurement_in_humanitarian_aid/hpc?s[]=hpc)

THE VISIBILITY MANUAL IS AVAILABLE ALSO IN FRENCH AND SPANISH!

The Communication and Visibility Manual for European Union funded Humanitarian Action is now available also in French and Spanish. You can download it by clicking here: <http://www.echo-visibility.eu/documents/>

The Manual provides practical guidance and explanations on the implementation of the obligations on visibility and communication as set out in the applicable contractual arrangements, namely the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) and its annexes. It should serve as Partners' primary source of orientation when planning and implementing standard visibility activities, as a contractual obligation applying to all types of EU-funded humanitarian aid Actions.

The Visibility website, as a complementary tool to the Manual, aims to assist ECHO's Partners with the implementation of all visibility activities.

It also provides best practices and examples of previous visibility and communication activities, and it is divided into different sections: field visibility, social media, web communication, audio-visual, media outreach, photos, publications and public events.

Partners can also contact the helpdesk anytime for institutional questions and to submit examples of best practices, such as approved visibility plans.

WELCOME TO NEW FPA PARTNERS

Welcome to our 6 new partners who have signed a FPA since 1st January 2015:

- MRCA-FR Medical Refresher Courses for Afghans,
- Save the Children-DE,
- INSO-UK International NGO Safety Organisation,
- Nonviolent Peaceforce BE,
- TEAR Fund NL,
- ENN-UK Emergency Nutrition Network .

Visiting ECHO in Brussels – Security Measures

As of 1st June 2015, for security purposes, all individuals visiting ECHO offices in Brussels should be registered in advance. If you plan a visit, send the following information to your ECHO contact before the meeting: Name, First Name, Passport or ID Card Number, Birthdate and Nationality.



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