



ECHOES

Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – May 2014

Upcoming training sessions

Classical training:

London (EN): 9-13 June

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

Distance learning training:

"A very short introduction to the FPA 2014";

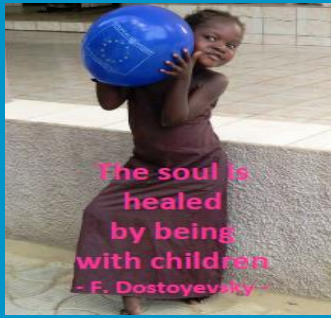
"The Audit Process 2014";

"The Single Form PDF 2014";

"eSingle Form PDF 2008";

"The Final Reporting (FPA 2008)".

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THE NEW DISTANCE LEARNING ON FPA 2014 IS NOW AVAILABLE!

"A very short introduction to the 2014 FPA" is now available. **New!**

What's new? This course gives a general overview of ECHO mandate, rules, principles and internal organization, and the basics of the Partnership. The course is targeting all Partners' staff dealing with an Action under FPA 2014, from the preparatory phase through its implementation and closure.

Giving an outline of all main topics, the course is a perfect preamble for acquiring the basic elements. It has to be followed in view of the attendance to classroom courses or to more specific distance learning courses. It is also a valid alternative for those who do not have the opportunity to attend classical training sessions. Participants can monitor their progress through self-tests, interactive quizzes and exercises related to the course's topics.

How does it work? The course is divided into 8 sessions: participants do not need to follow the given structure and can go directly to the topic they need, or watch the same lesson more than once. The system permits fast forward, pause, replay, etc. and it has been developed using different dynamic techniques (animations, slides accompanied by the video of the speaker etc.).

Partners' Helpdesk remains available via e-mail for participants who have difficulties in completing the exercises, or have questions regarding the course content.

How to subscribe? If you are already registered in Mantra just login and select the FPA 2014 distance learning module. If you never used Mantra before, please go to <http://mantra.puntosud.org/>, register, select the FPA 2014 module from the calendar and click on "Apply Now".

NEW IN APPEL : REQUEST YOUR PAYMENT FOR 2nd PREFINANCING

A new "upload pre-financing request" button has been added in APPEL/Agreement page. Partners having agreements with pre-financing in two instalments should use this new functionality rather than sending them by e-mail or attaching them to interim reports. A template is available for download and it is valid for both FPA 2008 and FPA 2014 Legal Frameworks.

QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

According to Article 8.1 (b) of the General Conditions, goods can be eligible only if they are used during the eligibility period of the Action. Is it correct to assume that goods not distributed to beneficiaries during the eligibility period are not eligible for ECHO funding?

Goods are only eligible if used during the eligibility period. Partners having significant goods left over at the end of the Action should request an extension of the implementation period of the Action to use them for the benefit of the beneficiaries, otherwise they cannot be considered as "incurred" for the Action. If the Partner has distributed most of the goods during the eligibility period and has also reached the results, goods left over of a marginal quantity may be eligible under the following conditions:

- 1) if ECHO is the single largest donor, the goods can be either transferred to another humanitarian aid Action of the Partner funded by DG ECHO, donated, kept under EUR 750 per category of items or kept based on a derogation granted by ECHO;
- 2) if ECHO is not the single largest donor, then the Partner may dispose of the remaining goods based on the rules of the single largest donor.

In Section 4.3 of the Single Form ("indicators per result") which are the values to be written in the fields "baseline" and "target value"? Is there any specific rule to calculate them?

Baseline is the value of the indicator at the beginning of the Action before any activities. Data relating to the baseline can come either from official sources or from partner own needs assessment. Baseline data allows assessing the progresses and comparison between the start and the end of the Action. The target is the level of result to be achieved within the duration of the action. ECHO does not impose a fixed calculation method as these figures should stem from the problem and response analysis done by the Partner for each Action. When a Key Result Indicator is applicable (KRI), guidance notes are provided on the baseline and target specific to this indicator. When the baseline is not known, the Partner will provide justification in the section "possible comments."



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