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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – November 2014

ECHO PARTNERS' CONFERENCE 25-26/11/2014

Distance learning training:

"A very short introduction to the FPA 2014";
"The Audit Process 2014";
"The Single Form PDF 2014";
"The Final Reporting (FPA 2008)".

<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**



This year, around 150 Partners, coming from 16 Member States, will be represented at the Partners' Conference. The number of participants is expected to be around 380.

As usual, the topics on the agenda will be a mix of operational, policy and partnership issues, according to the priorities of the moment. A special focus will be given to the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), with the participation of the Director of WHS, Dr Jemilah Mahmood.

We will also welcome Mr Christos Stylianides, the new Commissioner in charge of humanitarian aid and crisis management.

You can follow the Conference on <http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/ec2014/start>.

NEW RELEASE OF THE SINGLE FORM – APPEL NOTIFICATION CENTRE

A new **notification centre** is now available in APPEL. Partners can retrieve there all notifications concerning their ongoing agreements with ECHO.

The release 5 of the Single Form 2014 is in production since 12/11/2014. Major changes concern sections 5 and 9. Some other minor changes and bug fixes are also included. For further details, have a look at the [Release notes](#) and the updated [Single Form Guidelines](#).

Section 5: Resilience Markers have been added next to the Gender & Age Markers. They follow the same technical structure/principle.

The Resilience Marker seeks to enhance the quality of humanitarian Actions by:

- Ensuring a systematic consideration and inclusion of resilience considerations in project proposals, implementation and assessment;
- Creating a platform for Partners and ECHO staff to discuss how resilience can best be included in humanitarian programming;
- Encouraging reflection on what resilience means in practice in different contexts; and
- Allowing ECHO to monitor its own performance in supporting resilience.

The mark will not influence the decision to fund an Action. However, the marker criteria reflect important quality indicators.

Section 9: Additional fields have been added on **Standard Visibility** for Partners to provide some additional information on how Standard Visibility will be implemented. This additional information will replace the visibility checklist that was sent together with the Agreement.



NEWS on ECHO WEBSITE

2015 Humanitarian Implementation Plans (HIPs) are published here: <http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/funding-evaluations/funding-humanitarian-aid/financing-decisions-hips-2015>. The activities proposed in the 2015 HIPs are still subject to the adoption of the 2015 European Union budget, as well as the adoption of the Worldwide financing decision (ECHO/WWD/BUD/2015/01000). The consultation meetings with Partners have started - please consult the [agenda](#).

Most HIPs include reference to [ECHO's Policy Guidelines](#) to assist Partners in preparing their proposals in line with ECHO's policies. These guidelines are regularly updated.



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