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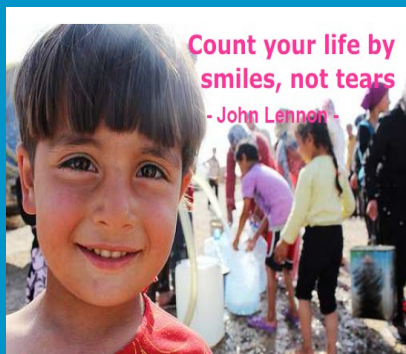
Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – October 2013

Distance learning training:

Here is the training calendar of the available asynchronous distance learning courses:

- The PDF Single Form (EN & FR)
- The Audit process
- The Single Form
- The Final Reporting
- The Single Form: online HQ
- The Single Form: offline Field
- A (very) short introduction to the FPA/FAFA
- ECHO & UN: all you need to know to work together under the FAFA and the General Conditions

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



Count your life by
smiles, not tears
- John Lennon -

NEW TRAINING AND HELPDESK SERVICES TO BE LAUNCHED SOON!

Great news are waiting for DG ECHO Partners! The **new FPA** will be presented in November, immediately followed by the **upcoming training sessions**.

All Helpdesk services will be updated and enriched. A **new DG ECHO Partners Website** will be launched, to help humanitarian actors finding their way in the world of FPA and FAFA. This will improve the management of DG ECHO funded Actions and will keep Partners informed on relevant changes and news related to DG ECHO. Specific sections will be dedicated to the supporting documents (available for download), to validated Frequently Asked Questions and to a comprehensive training calendar.

Reference Documents (legal documents, annexes, guidelines etc) previously hosted on DG ECHO website will be moved to Partner's Website. DG ECHO website will soon be updated and designed for the general public.

New training sessions will take place both in Europe and in the field starting from November 2013 to June 2014. The first sessions (18/11-20/12/2013) will take place in London, Brussels, Paris, Madrid, Bonn, Milan, Lyon, Vienna and Copenhagen.

New courses will focus on the FPA 2014: one on the Action preparation and the other on the Action implementation (better targeted for beginners). One *ad hoc* course for advanced staff will be dedicated to the transition from 2008 and 2014 FPA and on the main changes introduced in the new FPA.

Some innovations are also about to take place on **distance learning**: the courses will be soon updated according to the provisions laid down by the new documents, while new courses dealing with the 2014 FPA will be activated as from January 2014.

The registration to classical and distance learning training will still be managed through **MANTRA** (MANagement of TRaining), the system which allows Partners to access to all Helpdesk services. **Registration for the new courses is already open to DG ECHO Partners as well as to Implementing Partners** willing to learn more about FPA and FAFA requirements and procedures.

All training and Helpdesk services will be managed by the Fondazione punto.sud, ISPI, MDF and Partecip Consortium, the new framework service contractor for the supply of training and support services.

FPA BREAKING NEWS...

- A new Application Module is available in APPEL since 30/09/2013: new candidates can now apply for an FPA with DG ECHO.
- We are in the final stages of the fine tuning of NGO FPA 2014 General Conditions and Guidelines: texts will become available very soon.
- At the same time, our IT developers are working hard to introduce all the changes required by the FPA 2014 in the eTools. 2014 Single Form will be PDF Single Form only and Single Forms under 2008-2013 formats will not be accepted.

On-line will remain a simplified module to upload & download the Single Form, annexes and other related documents but there will be no more on-line full Single Form. The aim is to have a first release in November. Partners submitting proposals in the frame of HIPs closing early in November may have to use a pre-release of Single Form 2014.

- Due to time constraints, the November release will probably have limited functionalities but all the Single Form required fields will be there! Gradually new functionalities will be introduced (indicatively in January and March/April).
- All Single Form related to 2014 HIPs will have to be introduced according to FPA 2014 rules and using the 2014 PDF Single Form. Single Forms under 2008-2013 formats will not be accepted.
- Single Forms under 2008-2013 formats will be accepted only for Actions started under FPA 2008-2013.



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