



Strengthening civil society organisations (CSOs) in the enlarged EU for global development

BACKGROUND

With the enlargement of the European Union 13 new member states (EU13 countries that joined the EU in 2004, 2007 and 2013) have started contributing strategically and financially to the EU's development cooperation policy. Their priorities, policies and experiences complement and enrich the EU approach. The involvement of CSOs in the European integration process is vital in order to live up to the EU's commitment to eradicate world poverty.

Since 2000, TRIALOG has been supporting the creation and strengthening of development CSO platforms in the EU13 and their inclusion into European networks and global processes.

"The consortium of our recently approved EC project was formed during the TRIALOG Partnership Fair, so thank you for creating this opportunity for us!"

Participant Partnership Fair 2012, Poland "During the Study Visit to Brussels we got a better understanding about policy, advocacy and lobbying at EU level and made some very important contacts in EU institutions."

> Participant Study Visit 2012, Lithuania

OBJECTIVE

The objective of TRIALOG is a deeper awareness and stronger involvement of CSOs from EU13 in global learning and in efforts towards global poverty eradication.

WHAT WE DO

TRIALOG offers capacity building and information, as well as support in networking and exchange on development issues to enable CSO platforms and their members to become multipliers in global education and development.



All photos from TRIALOG events











Global Networking for Global Learning

Global networking and exchange are key elements of all TRIALOG activities, from regional cooperation to a deepened global "East-West-South" trialogue.

Partnership Fairs and Partner Search Support

- Facilitate partnerships for joint projects.
- Exchange visits and peer learning among EU13 CSO platforms, with other European stakeholders and partners from the Global South strengthen global engagement.

EU13 Platform Strengthening

- CSO platforms are strengthened through organisational development and needsbased capacity building.
- Study visits on EU development policy bring a practical dimension to development theory.
- Information distribution raises awareness via policy digest papers, publications, website, NGO database and social media.
- Experiences from the 12 years of TRIALOG will be made accessible to those going through similar processes in the future.

"TRIALOG has been a passionate mentor for the Cyprus Islandwide NGO Development Platform CYINDEP and demonstrated extraordinary skills to support the formation of this unique bi-communal platform, which has created a window for Greek and Turkish Cypriot civil society organisations to connect with institutions in Europe as well as developing countries."

> Board Member CYINDEP, Cyprus

PARTNERSHIP

All EU13 development CSO platforms are partners in TRIALOG. In each platform, a Liaison Officer coordinates the national capacity building activities, as well as local, regional and Europe-wide engagement in global development policies.

TRIALOG works in close cooperation with CONCORD, the European Confederation for Development and Relief.



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