



## **EU BUDGET REVIEW: CONSOLIDATION OF THE BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION**

**09:00 to 13:30 on Tuesday 10 June  
The Salon, Residence Palace  
Rue de la Loi 155, Brussels**

Currently, the European Commission is working on the revision of the EU Budget. Consultations with civil society are taking place and inputs are being invited until 15 June.

The Roundtable will address the anomaly in the EU budget, where the provisions for development co-operation are not presented under the heading for “development cooperation”.

Whilst the European Commission has an annual contribution of over € 7 billion on an average to development co-operation, there is no visibility of this amount in the EU budget. Only € 1.3 billion is presented under the budget heading for development co-operation in 2008.

With the Lisbon Treaty, the competence of the EU in development co-operation is reiterated and clearly defined. The Lisbon Treaty defines EU development co-operation as a sectoral policy to ALL developing countries.

The Roundtable will identify the importance of a consolidation of the EU budget for development co-operation under one heading in order to increase the visibility of the EU’s extensive contribution to development co-operation as one of the largest donors.

The Roundtable will also discuss the importance of a consolidated presentation of the development instruments and the importance of development co-operation in the different regions, including, South Asia and Latin America which has the largest number of people living in poverty and is covered by the Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI); developing countries in the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI) region where serious problems of poverty are often neglected and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries supported by the European Development Fund (EDF) which is not integrated in the EU budget, despite it being part of the Community policy since the EU’s inception.



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As an increasing number of new donors is emerging, such as China, India and Brazil, it is increasingly important to identify the added value of Europe's development relations with the developing countries in all the different regions.

The Roundtable will be a discussion between the representatives from South Asia, Latin America, the ACP and ENPI countries, the European Commission, MEPs, the Council and Member States and European NGOs.

The Roundtable will be chaired by Simon Stocker, Director of Eurostep and Arjun Karki, Regional Co-ordinator of the South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) and President of LDC Watch.

### **Agenda**

**09:00          Registration & Welcome coffee**

**09.30          Opening by Simon Stocker**

**09:40          Introduction: The lost € 4.7 billion - where is the EU development budget?**

*Mirjam van Reisen, Director, Europe External Policy Advisors (EEPA)*

**10.00          Integrating the EDF into the Budget**

*Simon Stocker, Director, Eurostep*

**10.30          The Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI): the relevance of Europe's development co-operation with South Asia**

*Arjun Karki, Regional Co-ordinator, South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) and President, LDC Watch  
Neena Gill MEP, Chair, Delegation for relations with India (video message)*

**11:00          Consolidating Europe's Aid after the Lisbon Treaty**

*Koos Richelle, Director-General, EuropeAid Cooperation Office (AIDCO)*

**11.30          The Development Co-operation Instrument: the relevance of Europe's development co-operation with Latin America**

*Camilo Tovar, Co-ordinator, Asociacion Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promocion al Desarrollo (ALOP)*

**12.00          Europe's responsibility to help eradicate poverty in the Neighbourhood countries**

*Halla Shukrallah, Development Support Centre for Consultancy and Training, Egypt*

**12.30      Reforming the EU Budget**

*Thijs Berman MEP, Vice-Chair, Committee on Development  
Jacques Vonthron, Head of Unit BUDGET A/4*

**13.00      Concluding remarks**

*Dimitrij Pur, Counsellor, Development Co-operation, Slovenian Presidency*