

ECoPP sub Working Group 4

Stakeholder capacity building

Bruxelles - February 16th, 2023

WG composition

FOCUS > Stakeholder capacity building

❖ **18 people**

❖ **From 10 EU Countries**

Italy, Romania,
Spain, Portugal,
Poland, Belgium,
Slovenia, Germany,
Hungary, Czech Republic

❖ **June - December 2023**

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ARAS - Romanian Association against AIDS

Confederación Empresarial Española de Economía Social, CEPES

AMCOR

Autoridade de Gestão do Mar 2020

National Institute for Economic Research, Romanian Academy

SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR FIRE PROTECTION – NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Lifelong Learning Platform

EAPN-CLM: EUROPEAN NETWORK AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION OF CASTILLA-LA MANCHA

MS representative

Association of Urban Municipalities of Slovenia

Red Cross

National Society of Conservationists -Friends of the Earth Hungary (Magyar Természetvedok Szovetsege)

AD&C - Cohesion and Development Agency

European Food Banks Federation

Charitas Czech Republic

National Federation of Polish NGOs

CREA – Consiglio per la Ricerca in Agricoltura e l'Analisi dell'Economia Agraria



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AIMS

- Collect recommendations on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European structural funds
- Collect best practices from the working group members

Keywords

Simplification | Speak simple
No acronyms
Openness
Upskilling
Contact point / advisory board

Proposals

SPECIFIC

Reference to European Code of conduct Chapters and articles	Recommendations
General text	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Simplify Programmes. Amend name. Contact person / advisory board for the promotion of the culture of partnership. Limit acronyms. Highest representation of stakeholders, including young people, students, women. Strengthen institutional capabilities of partners: extending it from preparation and implementation also to the monitoring and evaluation stages
Representativeness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Representatives are effectively representative of the issues. Training and information: deep knowledge of EU Regulations needed

Proposals

SPECIFIC

Reference to European Code of conduct Chapters and articles	Recommendations
Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Effective involvement of young people, students, women
Institutional strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Make the text stronger. Coverage of costs of non-government monitoring committee members. Member States allocate dedicated capacities, interacting with the representatives of civil society (assistance, training, support also through a funding scheme. Promote the upskilling of people working in partnership entities (training / experience sharing). Monitor training results
Exchange and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Collect good practices. EU level workshops for Member States managing authorities. Training module in universities



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Proposals

OTHER

Reference to European Code of conduct Chapters and articles	Recommendations
General text	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Extend the scope of ECCP to new funding programmes. Wording revision to align with CPR. The general use of the Code is always recommended when public administration policies are concerned. Involvement of Citizen and stakeholder as two levels of partnership. Insertion of a general article with common rules relevant for all stages. Notion of continuity should be expanded. Update regulatory references to those now in force. Code applied more extensively in case of ITIs
Representativeness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. ECCP should include reference to the Charter of Fundamental Rights. More extensive use of ECCP in government policies. Acknowledgment of both citizen and stakeholder involvement as two levels of partnership



Proposals

OTHER

Reference to European Code of conduct Chapters and articles	Recommendations
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Provide information on how the submitted proposals have tangibly contributed to the development of relevant programmes and measures, providing feedback. Reinforce the divulgation of the process of public consultation
Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Relevant information not only accessible, but understandable. Publicize partnership's contact persons (GDPR)
Institutional strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Reinforce the articulation with ECCP and the roadmap of capacity building
Review and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Universal obligation of restitution (acceptance/rejection of proposals submitted). Assess the feasibility of publishing online. Delete art.14
Exchange and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Commission shall safeguard the proper application of partnership principle throughout all stages

Best practices

EU funds for NGO capacity-building.....	Bulgaria
Training for NGOs in cooperation with municipality and civil society.....	Bulgaria
Funding for the capacity-buildig of civil society.....	Poland
Global grant schemes via intermediaries reduce conflict of interest and administrative barriers of civil society.....	Czech Republic
Training for non-governmental members of monitoring committees.....	Hungary
Network of Regional Environmental Forums - Strengthening national environmental NGO advocacy networking for legitimate and effective participation in development decision-making processes.....	Hungary
Community	Italy
Info-desk c/o Industrial Parks	Italy
Rete delle competenze	Italy
Team per la ripresa	Italy
Association of municipalities as an intermediate body in ITI	Slovenia
Project Partnership	Slovakia
ESF grant scheme “Capacity building for stakeholder organisations”	Hungary
Roadmap for Capacity Building of the Funds Ecosystem for 2021-27	Portugal

14
proposals
from 8
Countries