



International & European Development Agendas: Subsidiarity, Efficiency, Accountability and Citizenship

Time for an active role of regional and local authorities

9th December 2014

9.30 – 14.00

Basque Government Delegation to the European Union
27, Rue des Deux Eglises- 1000 Brussels

The **objectives** of the seminar are:

- *To widely raise awareness of the European and international agendas and issues at stake, especially coming into the European Year of Development 2015;*
- *to strengthen the role of regional and local authorities in enhancing the active involvement and participation of citizens in policy making and implementation;*
- *to boost innovative, multi-level and more effective alliances and partnerships between regional and local authorities and civil society organizations;*
- *and to bring to the European and international debate those elements of particular added value of regional and local authorities, such as their proximity to the needs of citizens, their efficiency and their instruments and indicators for accountability.*

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ITEM	CONTENT
INTRODUCTION (9.30-9.45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marta Marín, Delegate of the Basque Country to the EU – CPRM External Cooperation Working Group's Lead Region • Mr. Imanol Landa, Major of Getxo and President of Euskal Fondoa
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (9.45-10.15)	<p>European and International agendas: Priorities and perspectives for a post-2015 framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katja Weigelt, Policy Officer Post-2015 Team, Dir. A Policy and Coherence DG DEVCO – 10' • Mr. Johannes Krassnitzer, ART Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme– 10' • Mr. Bernard Chan Kune Unit E3 - ARLE), Decentralised Cooperation, Contact Group with Council of Europe, Committee of the Regions – 10'
PANEL I (10.15-11.15)	<p>Regional and Local Authorities: Key players in development cooperation & promoters of citizen participation</p> <p>Presentation of the panel by the coordinator Mr. Juanma Balerdi, Director of Euskal Fondoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euskal Fondoa and other local funds: a successful track record of accountability - 10' Mr. Imanol Landa, Major of Getxo and President of Euskal Fondoa • Regional vision: strategic partnerships under negotiation - 10' Ms. Swati Sain Gupta, Coordinator PLATFORMA Secretariat • Local and Urban dimensions: the use of innovative tools and indicators - 10' Mr. Edgardo Bilsky, UCLG Secretariat <p>Wrap-up, questions and debate led by the coordinator – 30'</p>
COFFEE BREAK (11.15-11.30)	
PANEL II (11.30-12.30)	<p>Alliance-building: Fostering the dialogue among actors for innovative and efficient partnerships</p> <p>Presentation of the panel by the coordinator Mr. Gerard Vives, Beyond 2015 European Regional Coordinator CONCORD Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active involvement of citizens and civil society organizations - 10' Ms. Antonella Valmorbida, Secreatry General ALDA The European Association for Local Democracy • Regional dimension: innovative processes and alliances – 10' Mrs. Camila De Epalza Azqueta, EU Policy Officer - Basque Government Delegation - CPRM External Cooperation Working Group's Lead Region • Strengthening the role of the private sector - 10' (Speaker tbc) <p>Wrap-up, questions and debate led by the coordinator – 30'</p>
CONCLUDING REMARKS (12.30-12.45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katja Weigelt, Policy Officer Post-2015 Team, Dir. A Policy and Coherence DG DEVCO • Mrs. Gemma Aguado, Programme Analyst, UNDP ART Initiative
NETWORKING LUNCH (12.45-14.00)	

Interpretation : Spanish – English





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