



Platform Information

FoRS

Czech Forum for Development Cooperation



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Secretariat staff, board and members

Full staff: 2 | Part time: 3 | Interns: 2 | 7 board members
 | 53 member organisations (34 full members and 19 observers)

Annual budget of the platform: sources of financing and main expenses

Budget 2014: 140 000 EUR | **Sources:** Czech Development Agency (CZDA), EU, Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme, CONCORD, DEEEP, Members fees |

Expenses: HR, External services, Travel, Office costs, CONCORD fee

Involvement in Development Cooperation/ Development Education projects

EU funded: TRIALOG, World-Wise Europe, DEEEP |

National funded: Capacity Building and effectiveness of FoRS in 2013 | **Others:** DC Switzerland - CZ; CONCORD AidWatch

Working groups of the platform

Policy | DEAR | Effectiveness | Humanitarian Aid (HA) | Communication and PR | Gender | DC and HA for people with disabilities

Working lines of the Platform

Advocacy; Capacity Building; Communication; Other (networking with external, coordination)

Involvement in CONCORD working groups

AidWatch | DARE Forum | CSO Development Effectiveness | EPAN | Food Security | FDR | Gender | Policy Forum

Successes of last year

Internal: Communication strategy; Strengthened cooperation with environmental and other NGOs in the framework of shaping the post-2015 agenda; Guidelines on mainstreaming gender in DC projects; Study on sustainability of DC projects (the two latter also external) | **External:** Completed sectorial evaluations as well as meta-evaluation of Czech ODA

Main challenges

Accessing EU funding and financial stability of platform & members | Focus more actively on Czech politicians | Maintaining eradication of poverty and inequalities at the core of Czech ODA and not letting business interests take over ODA agenda | Engagement in post-2015 debate and influence Czech position in a progressive pro-sustainable way | Successful and effective coordination of activities within EYD 2015 | Elaboration and approval of a new FoRS' multiannual strategy

Annual priorities 2015:

Policy and Advocacy | Capacity Building and Coordination of members | Strategic partnerships and awareness-raising | EYD 2015 | AidWatch | PCD | MFA strategic documents | Effectiveness and transparency | Focus on Post-2015 development agenda negotiations

Main events planned for 2015

Activities during "action week" within EYD 2015 in synergy with members | Possible int. conference in September | Workshops on fundraising and on preparation for EU calls for proposals etc. | Humanitarian Congress

Member information

Sectors: HP, education, health, support CSOs, agri environment, human rights etc. | **Funding sources:** CZDA, EU, individual donors | **Partner Countries:** Afghanistan, Angola, Ethiopia, Syria, Somalia, Bangladesh, DR of Congo, Georgia, Cambodia, Guinea, Haiti, India, Kenya, Kosovo, Moldova, Mongolia, Myanmar, Serbia, Vietnam, Zambia and more.

Relationship with the MFA and other donors

Partnership with the MFA and the CZDA | Observer status in the inter-ministerial Council on Czech ODA | Annual platform grant support from the MFA; no multi-annual financing or MoU (though piloting of a MoU with DC platforms is foreseen).

ODA priority countries and ODA spending in million EUR

Programme countries: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina; **Project countries:** Georgia, Serbia, Cambodia, Kosovo, Palestine.
 Total **ODA** 2013: 158.75 mil EUR