



Czech Presidency of the European Union Programme of the Czech national NGDO platform FoRS – Czech Forum for Development Co-operation

General objective during CZ PRES

Formulating principles of development effectiveness from the point of view of Czech civil society organizations (CSO) and promoting these among the public and political stakeholders.

Main priority issue

- **CSO Development Effectiveness**

Czech NGDOs and FoRS, together with their partner organizations in the Czech Republic, in the EU and other regions of the world will reflect on the effectiveness of their own development activities and will try to formulate their own principles of development effectiveness. Through these efforts, FoRS would like to contribute to the global process of assessing effectiveness, coordinated by the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness (www.cso-effectiveness.org).

Other priority topics, from the development effectiveness perspective

- **Democratic Governance**

Creation of a forum for policy discussions between people working with development issues and people from democracy promotion and democracy assistance oriented bodies; searching for common understanding regarding the relation between development and democracy.

- **Development Education**

Discussions on effectiveness of development education and awareness raising (DE&AR), formulation of basic principles of effectiveness of DE&AR projects, discussions on effectiveness and ethics in working with media and on effectiveness of advocacy actions; contribution to the debate on the adoption of the National strategy for development education in the Czech Republic.

- **Sustainable Technologies for Sustainable Development**

Reflection on the current state of use of sustainable energy in development cooperation, identification of main priorities for effective use, effective management on the community level, and search for new ways of effective application of sustainable technologies by the development actors.

- **Migration and Development**

A comprehensive insight into relation between international migration and development, a broader discussion in the Czech Republic between non-governmental sector working with migrants and in development, public administration institutions, financial sector and migrants themselves with a special focus on remittances and optimizing possibilities for international money transfers.

- **Agriculture and Food Security**

Discussion between different stakeholders on effectiveness of aid to agriculture. Identification of ways ahead for donors and practitioners to improve and monitor aid effectiveness.

Time schedule of FoRS EU Presidency events

Date	Event	Contents
18 November 2008	Initial Seminar on CSO Development Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing CSO Development Effectiveness process and defining the Czech contribution
20 – 21 January 2009	Events focused on humanitarian aid organized by VOICE platform in collaboration with FoRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on challenges for EU humanitarian NGOs Training on Project Cycle Management
February 2009	Expert seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Sustainable Technologies and Local Energetics” (13-14/2) “Effectiveness of development cooperation - agriculture and rural development. What approaches, strategies and principles of quality work?” (18/2) “Remittance flows from the Czech Republic and their development impact” (24/2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good practices and experience sharing in relation to effectiveness of the development actions of CSOs in the different thematic areas
10 March 2009	Roundtable “Democratic Governance: Development cooperation and mainstreaming of human rights and democracy” organized in the framework of the international conference “Building Consensus about EU Policies on Democracy Support”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of key NGO players in the field of good governance, development and pro-democracy processes
5 - 6 April 2009	Events of civil society organizations organized around the EU ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Prague: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal meeting of the CSOs with the members of the European Parliament and Parliaments of the ACP (6/4) Capacity building seminar for participants from New Member States (5/4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the latest development in the relations of the EU/ACP countries between the representatives of the EU/ACP Parliaments with the CSOs Introduction to the Cotonou Agreement and related issues of the EU/ACP relations to participants from New Member States
28 – 29 May 2009	International Conference on Development Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on effectiveness of DE & AR strategies and activities in the Czech and the European contexts
23 – 24 June 2009	International Conference on CSO Development Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main FoRS event during CZ PRES. Discussion on principles of development effectiveness of civil society organizations and presentation of the contribution of Czech NGOs to their formulation

For more information about the events please contact Marie Zazvorkova: presidency@fors.cz.



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