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Latvijas Platforma attīstības sadarbībai

Platform Information

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Secretariat staff, board and members

Part time: 2 (1. – 80%, 2. – 40%) | Volunteers: time to time | 7 board members | 26 members

Annual budget of the platform: sources of financing and main expensesFor 2011 the total **budget** was 18 063 EUR |

Current sources: European Commission (45,90%), EU Member States Public Body (2,85%), Membership Fees (1,60%), Other Internal Organisations (TRIALOG, CONCORD) (11,15%), Other (1,35%), Private Sector (Soros Foundation Latvia) (37,15%), National Government (0%) | **Expenses:** Conferences, Inventory (52%), Salaries (38%), Social taxes (9%), Other (1%)

Involvement in Development Cooperation/ Development Education projects

“Baltic States: Channelling Information for Development” (2010-1012)

Working groups of the platform

Development Education

Involvement in CONCORD working groups

AidWatch | EPAN | DEAR Forum | Gender | HIV/AIDS | PCD Task Force

Successes of last year

Return of Bilateral Development Cooperation Financing

Main challenges

Ensuring grant completion

Strategic aim

- Awareness raising
- Ensuring proper use of Latvia's bi-lateral development cooperation financing
- Increase participation of NGOs in EU projects
- Capacity building for NGOS
- Work in Central Asia

Main events planned for 2012

- National World Talks
- Awareness raising in Parliament, MFA, Ministry of Education
- Briefings
- Fact Sheets on Social Dimensions of Globalisation
- AidWatch
- Participation on Presidency priority discussions
- Participation in CONCORD and TRIALOG
- Project writing seminars
- World Talks on Human Rights and Democracy in Development
- Baltic World Talks in Lithuania
- DE Working Group support, etc.

Relationship with the MFA and other donors

Good relationship with the MFA: They co-sponsor our events, we participate in their events, they in ours | No funding arrangement | Request to co-finance part of CONCORD fees | Other cooperation partner – European Commission Representation Office in Riga