

5th Partnership Fair on Development Education/Awareness Raising (DEAR)

Vienna, May 4th – 6th 2015, Kardinal König Haus

*****Application Deadline 17th of April 2015*****

TRIALOG has implemented Partnership Fairs in 2006, 2010, 2011 and 2013 where many successful projects on development education and awareness raising were developed. TRIALOG will host the 5th edition of the Fair in May 2015.

This year we have decided to broaden the scope of this event and turn it into a **meeting space between donors and CSOs**, an opportunity to exchange information about donors' plans and priorities and civil society's views on needs in the local context, as well as a partnership development event. Thematically, the event will continue to focus on development education and awareness raising activities, as well as discussions and the development of partnerships for projects that tackle issues connected to development cooperation in general such as social justice, human rights, global citizenship, democracy, CSO development and sustainability etc.

The Fair will facilitate partnerships, cooperation, learning and exchange at an international level for joint projects. Key actors engaged in the global efforts aimed at achieving justice and equality and contributing to poverty eradication (donors, representatives of the EC and CSOs) will contribute either as speakers, facilitators or participants.

The **learning and interaction with donors** will be achieved through expert panel discussions and workshops during the first day of the Fair, which will be a Donors Forum.

The **networking** will happen through the marketplace, a setup where all the participants will have the opportunity to present their organisations (activities, vision, future project plans etc.) as well as through numerous formal and informal spaces for dialogue among all the different stakeholders.

The **concrete** activity of **project design** and planning will be framed in working groups which are supported by resource people and will allow flexibility in organising and reflecting in smaller or bigger groups as decided and formed on the spot by the participants. Also, groups of CSOs with a pre-agreed partnership and an already existing project idea are welcome to join the Fair to further develop their project with guidance from experts and to recruit new partners to join their project.

To facilitate the preparation prior to the Fair, TRIALOG has prepared for the applicants **a list of funding options around which projects can be planned during the Fair**. Representatives of all the listed foundations and funding institutions have been contacted and invited to take part in the Fair. However, their participation has yet to be confirmed; therefore **TRIALOG cannot guarantee their presence at the event**.

TRIALOG expects that the Partnership Fair will represent a valuable moment for finding new partners, learning from experts, dialogue with foundation representatives and other donors and, more importantly, a moment where successful projects are agreed upon and drafted. We expect participants to come to the Partnership Fair with concrete ideas about possible projects, with complete information and knowledge of their organisations and with decision making powers to commit their organisation to projects in partnership.