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The role of decentralized cooperation to address rising inequalities

Tuesday, 18 June 2019
Lab debate – D1
10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.



Organized by the Regional Government of Andalucía
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Context

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers decentralized cooperation the potential to harmonize and strengthen its vision and actions towards more equitable territorial development.

Andalucía is a region of Spain committed to foster territorial cohesion as well as international solidarity and cooperation. Its model of development cooperation has demonstrated great capacity to mobilize institutions, knowledge and local and regional experiences through long-term partnerships. It has provided results in a proximity basis and served as catalyst to address rising inequalities. However, challenges remain.

Across Europe, cities and regions are looking at the Agenda 2030 as a framework to strengthen the dialogue and coherence of international cooperation policies, proposing more inclusive, transparent and effective cooperation modalities. Based on these experiences, the session will discuss how the 2030 Agenda presents an opportunity to address shortcomings that are still

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inherent in development cooperation models, and to what extent such findings are applicable to the overall decentralized cooperation modality.

Relevance

In line with the EDD's overall theme and sub-topic on understanding the structural causes of inequalities as well in the territories, the session aims to address the main question of how the 2030 Agenda can become an opportunity to rethink decentralized cooperation into a truly transformative SDG based territorial partnership model, thereby furthering territorial cohesion and equality in partner territories.

The main idea is to provide enough theoretical and practical elements to present how decentralized cooperation can shift from more traditional development projects into a networked and process-based approach that transcends actors, levels and sectors.

Outcomes

Participants will learn key elements on how the alignment and harmonization between decentralized cooperation actors, in place of origin and of action, can be promoted through the 2030 Agenda lens. Special attention will be paid to i) foster effective alignment towards locally SDG driven strategies and plans, as well as how to ii) increase integration with other development partners.

Panelists

Introduction and moderation: Mr. Johannes KRASSNITZER, International Coordinator of the ART Initiative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Speakers:

- Ms. **María Luz Ortega**, Director of the Andalusian Agency for International Development Cooperation (AACID);
- Mr. **Gabriel Ferrero**, General Director of Sustainable Development Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain;
- Ms. **Carla Montesi**, Directorate for Planet and Prosperity of the EU DG for International Cooperation and Development;
- Ms. **Marlène Siméon**, Director of PLATFORMA;

Special guests intervening from the floor:

- Mr. **Ángel Calle**, General Director of the Extremadura Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AEXCID);
- Mr. **Antonio Zurita Contreras**, Director General of International Action and Global Citizenship of the City of Madrid;

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Profile of panelists

Moderator: Johannes Krassnitzer, Coordinator of the ART Initiative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Since 2016, Coordinator of the UNDP ART Initiative. For the last twelve years working with UNDP in various roles and locations. 2006 to 2012 managing ART programmes in Sri Lanka and Senegal, formulating new initiatives and monitoring the existing programme portfolio. Since 2012 part of the International Coordination team of UNDP/ART in Geneva/Brussels responsible for overseeing the programme portfolio in more than twenty countries, as well as policy and partnership development. Key role in elaborating UNDP's integrated strategy for Local Governance and Local Development, implementing the UNDG's dialogues on localizing the 2030 agenda and the UNDP/UNHABITAT/UCLG Toolbox on implementing the

SDGs at local level. Responsible for establishing UNDP's Hub for Territorial Partnerships/Brussels and co-responsible for launching and implementing the World Forum on Local Economic Development process. Co-leading UNDP's work on localizing the 2030 sustainable development agenda. From 1999 to 2006, UNOPS Portfolio Manager responsible for a programme portfolio in the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia and Latin America. 1995 – 1999, working with various NGOs, e.g. in Guatemala and Colombia.

Speakers

María Luz Ortega, Director of the Andalusian Agency for International Development Cooperation (AACID)



María Luz Ortega is the director of the Andalusian Agency for International Development Cooperation (AACID), an agency under the Counselor for Equality, Social Policies and Conciliation of the Regional Government of Andalucía. She has been professor of applied economics and international relations at the Loyola University of Andalusia and holds a PhD in Business Studies from the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences (ETEA). Her research focus on the field of development and the fight against poverty through the analysis and study of institutions and development policies. From 2008 to 2011, she worked as a researcher and consultant for the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AECID) and the Secretary of State for

International Cooperation of the Government of Spain. From 2001 to 2007, she was a member of the Follow-up Committee of the Code of Conduct of the Spanish NGO Coordinator. She regularly collaborated with numerous NGOs, including: Intermon Oxfam, Entreculturas and Interred. In 2001, she was an expert member of the Development Cooperation Council and part of the working group on education for development. She is also a founding member of the Spanish Network of Researchers for Development (REEDES).

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Gabriel Ferrero, General Director of Sustainable Development Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain



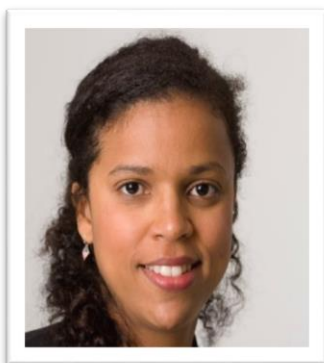
Gabriel Ferrero holds a doctorate from the Universitat Politècnica de Valencia and has lectured in development planning and international cooperation. From 2017 he was a consultant member for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Prior to this he was the Deputy Director-General of Planning and Development Policies in the State Secretariat for International Cooperation and a coordinator of the United Nations High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Global Food and Nutrition Security.

Carla Montesi, Directorate for Planet and Prosperity of the EU DG for International Cooperation and Development



Director General for Planet and Prosperity (Dir. C) at the Directorate-General of International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission. Formerly a lawyer in Italy who specialized in European affairs at the College of Europe in Bruges, Ms. Montesi's earlier career encompassed diverse responsibilities in the field of EU external policy for development and cooperation both at Headquarters and in EU Delegations in Africa, as well as experience in the Cabinet of EU Commissioner Emma Bonino for External Policy and Humanitarian Affairs.

Marlène Siméon, Director of PLATFORMA



From 2010 to 2013, Marlène was Policy Officer for the Provence Alpes Cote d'Azur Region (PACA) in charge of Decentralized Cooperation, Research & Innovation and Structural funds. In 2013, she joined CEMR first as Policy Officer and later as Policy Adviser in Charge of Regional and Urban Policy. In this position, she followed the negotiations on the Urban Agenda for the EU and the link with the Global Urban Agenda and followed the Habitat 3 Quito negotiation for PLATFORMA and CEMR. Marlène holds a Doctorate in Economics; she did her thesis on Urban Development in Latin America and a Master on Development Economy.

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