



The Policy Forum on Development: A unique multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue



Together for better development cooperation

The **Policy Forum on Development** (PFD) debates development issues and how the European Union (EU) can best respond to them. The main objective of the Forum is to improve the effectiveness of EU development cooperation.

The Policy Forum on Development offers a unique platform for dialogue for the many actors involved in development. It brings together civil society organisations, local authorities, professional and business associations as well as representatives of EU institutions and Member States.

Discussions of the Forum focus on topics such as: How are we progressing in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals? Are we using the best possible tools in the fight against inequalities? How can we ensure that no one is left behind? The Forum has also addressed questions such as the impact of climate change and best ways to foster an enabling environment.

The Policy Forum on Development offers its Members a space for open and transparent dialogue. It recognises everyone's specific expertise and helps to pool and multiply their knowledge and insights.

How does the Policy Forum on Development work?

Every year, the Policy Forum on Development holds at least one global meeting in Brussels and one regional meeting outside of the European Union.

Before each meeting, Members reach out to their constituencies to collect input and positions on specific development issues.

In this way, a variety of development actors around the world can share their input, which is reflected when Members debate at the Forum.

After each meeting, Members go back to their constituencies with the insights and recommendations that came out of the debates. The EU representatives, for their part, integrate the recommendations into their work on policy development.

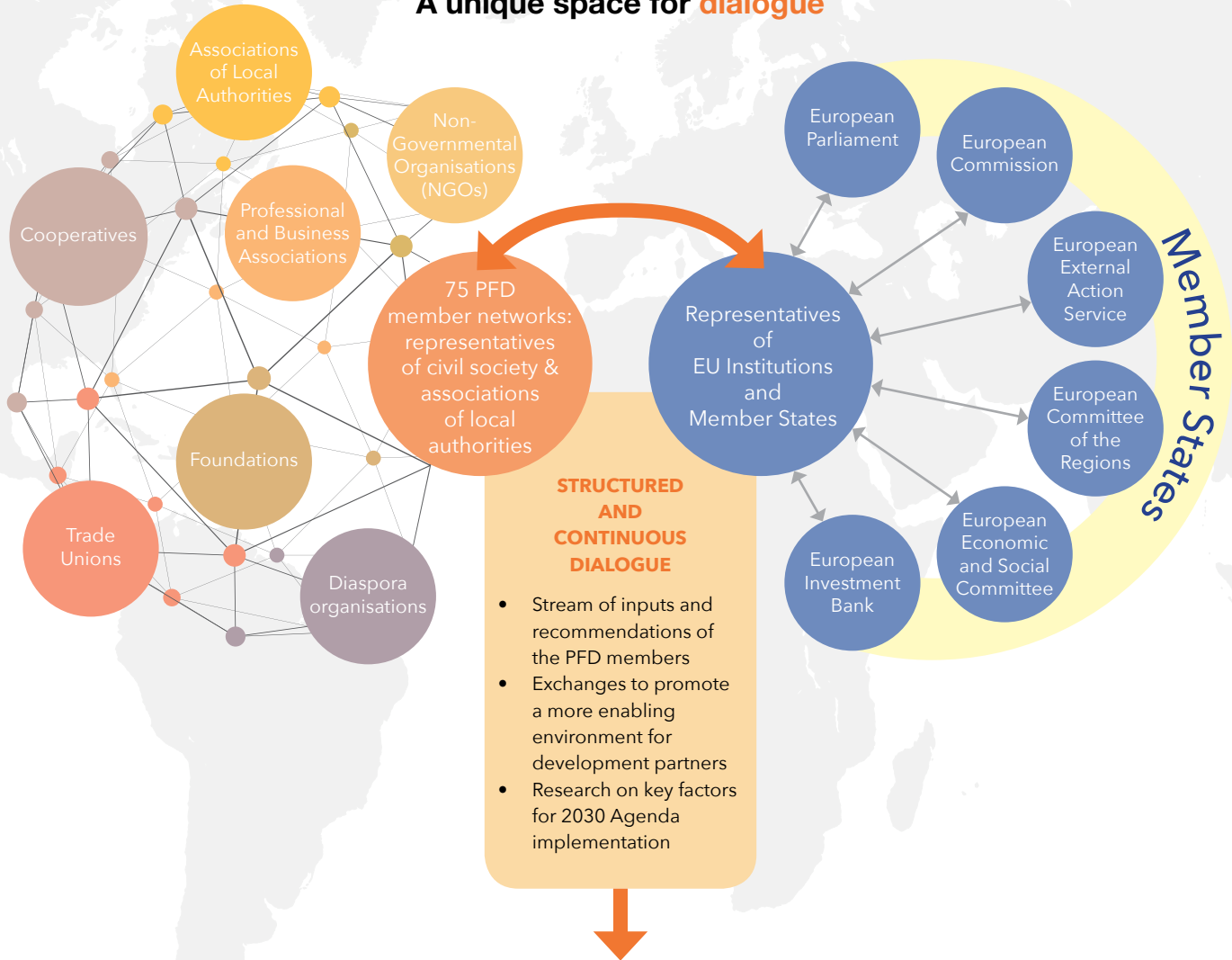
The Forum also makes use of the pooled knowledge of its Members by issuing joint position papers, conclusions and recommendations, and by setting up new research initiatives.





Policy Forum on Development

A unique space for **dialogue**



A global multi-stakeholder partnership to increase the effectiveness of EU development policy

The Policy Forum on Development pursues three key objectives:

- 1) Dialogue** on the crosscutting issues that civil society organisations, local authorities, professional and business associations, etc., face in their work as development actors
- 2) Policy dialogue** with exchange of information and experiences, and consultation on key European Union development policies and initiatives
- 3) Drafting key recommendations** to share with representatives of EU institutions and other key development stakeholders



“Partnerships are at the heart of the EU’s approach to development cooperation, and the Policy Forum on Development is a prime example of this. The Forum brings together a wide range of partners and stakeholders to engage in dialogue, share best practice and learn from each other. This process is invaluable to our policy formulation and implementation, and I would like to thank you all for your involvement in this process. By engaging and working together, we can ensure we are all best-placed to tackle the global challenges we face.”

Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships



Key Facts and Figures

The Policy Forum on Development has 75 Members:

- 39 networks of non-governmental organisations
- 15 local authority associations
- 6 representatives of trade unions
- 5 representatives of cooperatives
- 5 professional and business associations
- 3 foundation networks
- 2 diaspora groups

The Members’ constituencies, networks, alliances and platforms cover **175 countries** in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, the European Neighbourhood Region, and the European Union.

The Members can reach out to:

- 310+ cooperatives that represent 1.2 billion individuals in 109 countries
- 1,600 producer organisations, and 1.7 million fair trade workers and farmers in 75 countries
- 240,000+ towns, cities and regions

Forum participants also include:

- representatives of EU Member States
- representatives of the European Commission, European Parliament, European External Action Service, European Economic and Social Committee, European Committee of the Regions, and the European Investment Bank

Policy Forum on Development Co-Chairs

The Policy Forum on Development is co-chaired by the European Commission together with a representative of civil society and a representative of local government.

Current Co-Chairs are **Koen Doens**, Director-General of the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development; **Tanya Cox**, Director of CONCORD, the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development, Co-chair Civil Society Organisations; and **Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, PLATFORMA, Co-chair Local Authorities.



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List of Members

Africa

NGOs

Environnement et Développement du Tiers monde (ENDA)
The West African Federation of Associations of People with Disabilities (FOAPH)
Women Environmental Programme (WEP)
Central African NGO Platform Network (REPONGAC)
East African Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSOF)
The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)

Trade Unions

International Trade Union Confederation Africa (ITUC-Africa)

Cooperatives

International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Africa

Local Authorities

United Cities and Local Governments Africa (UCLG Africa)
Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA)

Professional and business associations

National Council of Employers of Senegal

Asia and Pacific

NGOs

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia)
Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN)
Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (AsiaDHRRA)
Asia Europe People's Forum
Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)
Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)
Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APFWLD)

Trade Unions

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC Asia-Pacific)

Cooperatives

International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) Asia-Pacific

Local Authorities

Kiribati Local Authorities Association
Local Council of Associations of the Punjab, Pakistan
United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (ASPAC)

Professional and business associations

Malaysia Employers Federation, coordinator for Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE)

Latin America and the Caribbean

NGOs

Jubileo Sur
Latin American and Caribbean Network for the defence of the rights of children and adolescents (REDLAMYC)
Movement of Development NGOs for a Solidarity Development of El Salvador (MODES)
National Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations of Uruguay (ANONG)
National Union of Institutions for Social Action Work of Bolivia (UNITAS)
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Trade Unions

Trade Union Confederation Americas (ITUC-Americas)
Americas

Cooperatives

Co-operatives of the Americas

Local Authorities

The Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations (FLACMA)
Dominican Federation of Municipalities (FEDOMU)
Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF Caribbean)

Professional and business associations

Employers Organisation of Colombia (ANDI)

Neighbourhood

NGOs

The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)
Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

Trade Unions

Pan-European Regional Council/International Trade Union Confederation (PERC/ITUC)

Local Authorities

United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia (UCLG MEWA)
Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova

Professional and business associations

Businessmed

Europe

NGOs

European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development NGOs (CONCORD)
European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad)
SOLIDAR
Red Cross EU Office
European Youth Forum
Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN)
Green 10

Trade Unions

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) Europe

Cooperatives

Cooperatives Europe

Local Authorities

PLATFORMA

Foundations

European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)
European Foundations Centre (EFC)

Diaspora

Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT)
African Diaspora Network Europe (ADNE)

Global

NGOs

Fairtrade International
Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)
International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
International Alliance of Catholic Development Agencies (CIDSE)
FORUS
Transparency International
World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS)
CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
International Land Coalition (ILC)
Women Engage for Common Future (WECF)
Global Forum for Media and Development (GFMD)

Trade Unions

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Cooperatives

International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)

Local Authorities

The International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF)
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
United Regions Organisation/ Global Forum of Regional Governments and Associations (ORU Fogar)
Commonwealth Local Governments Forum (CLGF)

Professional and business associations

International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Foundations

Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)



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