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HUMANITARIAN AID PARTNERS**

18-19 October 2011



Programme

"ECHO & PARTNERS: HELPING PEOPLE TOGETHER"

**European Commission - Charlemagne Building
Rue de la Loi 170 – 1040 Brussels**

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER - MORNING¹
(DE GASPERI ROOM)

08.30 – 09.15	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
09.15 – 09.25	Welcome message from Claus Sørensen, Director-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
09.25 – 10.30	Address by Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response Followed by Q&A with partners
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break (1st & 2nd floors)</i>
11.00 – 12.45	Round table – "Caught in the Crossfire": Protecting civilians and delivering aid in conflict zones Round table introduced and moderated by Claus Sørensen, ECHO Director General Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Ging, Director, Coordination and Response Division of operations, OCHA• Lt Gen Ton van Osch , Director General, EU Military Staff• Knut Dörmann, Head of the Legal Division, ICRC• Greg Ramm, Director of Global Programmes, Save the Children UK Concluding remarks by Kristalina Georgieva, Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response Followed by Q & A with partners
12.45 – 14.15	<i>Sandwich lunch (2nd floor) and coffee (1st & 2nd floors)</i>

Visit to the stands and meeting opportunities

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER - AFTERNOON

14.15 – 16.00

Visit to the stands and meeting opportunities

Workshop 1²
(De Gasperi room
2nd floor)

"Into the breach"

Boosting capacity of delivery in difficult operational environments (complex emergencies with political/security challenges)

- **Martin Kessler, Head of Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe:** The ACT Alliance
- **Michele Schivo, Desk Somalia, ECHO B/3:** Remote management: The Somalia experience
- **Bernhard Julier, Head of Unit External Resources Division, ICRC:** The NIIHA approach

Moderator:
Martin Landgraf
ECHO B/3

Rapporteur: Graham MacKay, Dept Humanitarian Director, Oxfam UK

Workshop 2
(Mansholt room
Ground floor)

"Out of the box"

Disaster trends and innovative responses

- **Sarah Bailey – Overseas Development Institute (ODI):** Disaster trends and humanitarian response – Are solutions ‘in’ or ‘out’ of the box?
- **Ian Heigh, Senior Logistics Advisor, IFRC Global Logistics Service:** ‘Doing the right things’- A systematic approach that can be used by organisations working in disaster response
- **Nicolas Barrouillet, coordinator CaLP consortium:** Do you have change? Innovation and technology in Cash Transfer Programming
- **Ian Clark, Head of Unit ECHO A/5, Civil protection Policy, Prevention, Preparedness and DRR:** Key Challenges in Disaster Management over the next Ten Years

Moderator:
Matthew Sayer
ECHO A/3

Rapporteur: Leon Prop, Director at Red Cross EU Office

Workshop 3
(Durieux room
1st floor)

"Too many cooks?"

Multiplication of actors and effective Coordination

- **Christopher Stokes, Director General of the MSF Operational Centre in Brussels and MSF Belgium:** The limits of the humanitarian coordination system
- **Niels Scott, Chief, Humanitarian, Coordination Support Section, Coordination and Response Division OCHA:** Ongoing work to strengthen humanitarian coordination
- **Patrick Lambrechts, Desk DRC, ECHO B/2:** How would DG ECHO fund coordination in a given emergency
- **Vera Goldschmidt, ECHO B/1 Emergency response:** How the EU Civil Protection Mechanism facilitates coordination

Moderator:
Kristin Hedstrom
ECHO A/1

Rapporteur: Sandrine Chopin, Handicap International

- 16.00 – 16.30** *Coffee break (1st & 2nd floors)*
- 16.30 – 18.00** **Plenary – "Up to the challenges: Can we boost efficiency through working in "consortia?" (De Gasperi room)**
- **Introduction by Walter Schwarzenbrunner (Director ECHO C):** Can consortia/coordinated response contribute to meet the identified challenges?
 - **Achim Apweiler (Welthungerhilfe Pakistan Director on behalf of Alliance2015):** Alliance 2015: Reflections on the Consortium response in the Pakistan floods
 - **Beatrice Miège (ECHO B/4):** Enhancing co-ordinated/integrated response strategies
 - **Jean-Pierre Buisseret (Head of Unit ECHO C/3),** Getting accountability and partnership issues right
- Followed by Q & A with partners
- Moderator: Walter Schwarzenbrunner**
- 18.00 – 18.30** **Ten minute "flash" debriefs by workshop Rapporteurs (De Gasperi room)**
- 19.00** **Reception at the Berlaymont Piazza**

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER - MORNING
De Gasperi Room

09.00 – 10.00

Forum 1³ – *Working side by side or blurring the lines? The challenging interaction between humanitarian action and stabilisation strategies*

Discussion on the implications for humanitarian action of comprehensive stabilisation strategies in situations of crisis /fragility, on how to promote cooperation on LRRD/transitional issues while not compromising the humanitarian specificity (NIHA- neutral, independent humanitarian action) Cf. current/recent complex crises such as Libya, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sudan, DRC, etc.

Introductory presentation by **Harald Happel, Humanitarian Officer, Caritas Europa** “Humanitarian Aid needs commitment to humanitarian principles”

Panellists:

- **Leonor Nieto Leon**, Head of Unit ECHO A/1 Strategy, Co-ordination and Inter-Institutional Relations
- **Henrike Trautmann**, Head of Unit ECHO A/3 Policy and Implementation Frameworks
- **Andrea Koulaïmah**, Head of Unit ECHO B/2, Central Africa, Sudan, Chad
- **Antoine Lemasson**, Deputy Head of Unit ECHO B/4 European Neighbourhood, Middle East, Central and South-Western Asia

Moderator: Simon Horner (Directorate B)

10.00 – 10.40

Presentation – *"The challenges of communicating EU humanitarian aid"*

Presentation by **Mihela Zupancic**, Head of Unit ECHO A/2 Information and Communication on the objectives and priorities of information & communication policy on EU humanitarian aid and on the contribution of DG ECHO partners to communication activities.

Followed by Q & A with partners.

Moderator: Simon Horner (Directorate B)

10.40 – 11.00

Coffee break (1st & 2nd floors)

11.00 – 12.00

Forum 2 – *Malnutrition: How to address Food and nutrition challenges in the XXIst century*

Discussion on food and malnutrition challenges against the backdrop of the food crisis in the Horn of Africa, lessons learned from the Sahel food crisis, how to apply new approaches to food/nutritional issues and link with food security.

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Panellists:

- **Jan-Artur Sienczewski** Head of Unit ECHO A/4, Specific Thematic Policies
- **Cees Wittebrood**, Head of Unit ECHO B/3, East, West and Southern Africa, Indian Ocean
- **Esko Kentrschynskyj**, Head of Unit ECHO B/5, Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, Pacific
- **Maureen Philippon**, ECHO A/4, Specific Thematic Policies

Moderator: Stefan de Keersmaecker (Unit C/1)

- 12.00 – 12.20** **Plenary – *Operational perspectives for 2012: funding and HIPs calendar***
Presentation by **Steffen Stenberg**, Director ECHO B
- 12.20 – 12.30** **Intervention by the President of Voice, Dr. Wolf-Dieter Eberwein**
- 12.30 – 12.50** **Conclusions and message by ECHO Director-General, Claus Sørensen**
- 12.50** *Sandwich lunch (2nd floor)*
End of conference

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² The aim of the **workshop** is to bring a group of partners to share their knowledge or experience on a particular subject. After brief presentations by panellists, participants will have an opportunity to exchange views with the panel, composed of partners and of Commission representatives. The conclusions of each workshop will be shared with all participants to the conference.

³ The aim of the **forum** is to bring operations and policy together under two thematic headings, using a "Question time" format. Participants will have an opportunity to submit their questions before the conference in order to ask DG ECHO about operational issues and policy priorities in the context of the chosen topics