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## WORKING JOINTLY WITH THE CONSORTIA

A consortium is an association of two or more FPA partners with the objective of coordinating a common overall proposal, specifying who implements which activities in order to respond effectively to a particular crisis or emergency.

A lead partner signs a Memorandum of Understanding with other partners and one single coordinated proposal based on a common overall response is submitted to DG ECHO. If the proposal is accepted, DG ECHO will sign one agreement which covers all activities with the lead partner (one single form). The lead partner is therefore solely responsible with regard to DG ECHO for the implementation of the action whereas the relationship with the other partners is largely an internal matter.

Working in Consortia can be very challenging, but there are also many advantages:

- The improvement of **quality**, consistency and the impact of humanitarian assistance;
- Access to more areas and **beneficiaries**;
- Better use of the **expertise** and the **added-value** of each humanitarian agency;
- The sharing of experience and **expertise** – economy of scale and a more integrated approach by sector;
- The potential sharing of **logistic** costs such as procurement;
- Becoming a more visible and a more significant entity speaking with one voice, thus increasing leverage and **advocacy** towards the authorities and the coordination system;
- Improving overall humanitarian **coordination** by speaking to each other and working together on common goals.

See the new FAQs on this issue available at [http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/faq/3.7\\_consortia](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/faq/3.7_consortia)

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**?** **Partner:** When selecting a follow-up Action funded by the EU for the transfer of equipment, is it possible to consider Actions in other countries or regions which have different programme objectives?

**!** **DG ECHO:** Yes, the Action to which you intend to transfer the equipment may take place in another region or country and may have different objectives so long as the Action is funded by the European Commission (DG ECHO, DG DEVCO or any other DG of the European Commission) and is implemented by your Organisation.

In this case, a detailed justified request along with an inventory and a proposal for the use of the equipment should be provided so that DG ECHO can assess the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the operation to which transfer is to be made. The request must be sent in due time and at the latest with the submission of the financial report.

Reference: [Fact Sheet B2, Article 19.2 General Conditions.](#)

## WORLDWIDE 2012

The 2012 Worldwide funding decision has been published on DG ECHO website. The initial budget is €639,900,000 for the financing of actions worldwide as of 1st January 2012 for a maximum period of implementation of 24 months. Actions which may be financed under this Decision include actions in the field of man made crises, natural disasters, disaster preparedness and complementary activities such as transport, Enhanced Response Capacity and Information and Communication. More information can be found in the related Humanitarian Implementation Plans (HIPs), which are available at the following address:

[http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/decisions\\_2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/decisions_2012_en.htm)

## THE HUMANITARIAN AID CORPS TAKES SHAPE: THE 2012 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS OPEN

DG ECHO has published the second round of 'Calls for proposals' on the "European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps". The 2012 preparatory action will continue and enlarge the pilot project phase testing possible features for the future Corps: This year, volunteers will be selected, trained and deployed in projects in the fields of 1) strengthening resilience, 2) building civil protection capacities and 3) responding to disaster. The deadline for submission of proposals is 05/03/2012.

More information is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/opportunities/calls/proposals\\_evhac2012\\_pilot\\_projects\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/opportunities/calls/proposals_evhac2012_pilot_projects_en.htm)

## WELCOME TO NEW FPA PARTNER

Human Relief Foundation (HRF) from UK: [www.hrf.org.uk](http://www.hrf.org.uk)

## Upcoming training sessions

### Classical training:

**London (English):** 20 - 24 February

**Bonn (English):** 19 - 23 March

**Paris (French):** 26 - 30 March

**Madrid (Spanish):** 16 - 20 April

**New Delhi (English):** 9 - 16 May

**Haiti (French):** 9 - 16 May

**Brussels (French):** 4 - 8 June

**Bangkok (English):** 20 - 27 June

**Nairobi (English):** 4 - 11 July

**Quito (Spanish):** 11 - 18 July

[www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start)

## Thoughts from the field...

A man can be destroyed  
but not defeated

Ernest Hemingway



## Distance learning training:

### New! FPA LIVE Distance Learning Training

Do you have burning questions on the FPA?

A tutor will be online to clarify all your doubts! Check the dedicated web page:

<http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dl/fpalive>

### Preparing the Action: The Single Form

13 February - 26 February

27 February - 11 March

12 March - 25 March

### Completing the Action: The Final Reporting

13 February - 26 February

27 February - 11 March

12 March - 25 March

### The eSingle Form:

#### online - HQ

20 February - 4 March

5 March - 18 March

19 March - 1 April

#### The eSingle Form:

#### offline - Field

20 February - 4 March

5 March - 18 March

19 March - 1 April

[www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start)

### A (very) short introduction to the FPA/FAFA

Discover DG ECHO's main rules and procedures by following this introduction!

More information at

[http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dl/a\\_very\\_short\\_introduction\\_to\\_the\\_fpa](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dl/a_very_short_introduction_to_the_fpa)