



June 2011 | Special Edition

## ECHOES TURNS ONE!

This month, ECHOES celebrates its one year anniversary, a year in which it experienced significant growth and a steady increase in its readership.

June 2010 saw the first publication of ECHOES covering practical and useful topics in order to help you in your day-to-day business with DG ECHO.

Indeed, information sharing is and always will be key to our partnership and is the best way to strengthen our cooperation.

Through providing detailed information on DG ECHO's rules and procedures, we strive to facilitate the efficient design, drafting and implementation of good humanitarian actions in the interest of the victims of crises.

I would like to thank you, our many readers. You provide an important support by continually informing us about critical issues and concerns to be solved in conjunction with DG ECHO and this also assists us to improve the quality of this newsletter and the exchange of information.

I also take this opportunity to announce that I will be retiring from the Commission on 30 June and I will be replaced by Mr. Claus Sorensen.

Thank you for your support! Best wishes

Peter Zangl

## NUMBER 3000

On May 13 we welcomed the 3000 humanitarian aid worker subscribed to ECHOES, Mr. Fouad Kronfi, International Medical Corps Country director in Zimbabwe.

Thank you very much, Mr. Kronfi, for your interest and we hope you will enjoy ECHOES.

## COMMISSIONER GEORGIEVA'S NEW WEBSITE

On Europe Day 2011, Kristalina Georgieva, the European Commissioner for International cooperation, Humanitarian aid and Crisis Response, launched her new website in English and Bulgarian. She states:

"The new website gives me the possibility to engage in direct dialogue with everyone who is interested in humanitarian aid, civil protection and disaster management. I look forward to new approaches to all of these issues."

Find out more on the website:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/georgieva/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/georgieva/index_en.htm)

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**?** **Partner:** Is it possible to get a second pre-financing payment after the end of the action as we had committed more than 70% of the first pre-financing?

**!** **DG ECHO:** We do not make this kind of payment once the action has ended; you will have to wait for the final payment to receive the balance of DG ECHO contribution.

Reference: Fact sheet C.5

## eTools STATISTICS

As from January 2010 DG ECHO Partners use the eSingle Form through APPEL to transmit proposals and reports. Here are some facts regarding the use of the new system until May 2011:

- number of partners who have sent an eSF : 123
- number of eSF received (RQ) : 534
- number of eSF (RQ) approved : 139
- number of documents ( IR, MR, FR) : 1063
- number of partner staff with a role ECAS: 1469

Keep up the good work!

## NEW PARTNERS:

We warmly welcome three new partners who have recently signed an FPA with DG ECHO:

MEMISA BELGIE  
[www.memisa.be](http://www.memisa.be)  
PU-AMI  
[www.pu-ami.org](http://www.pu-ami.org) (following a merger between PU and AMI)  
ARCHE NOVA  
[www.arche-nova.org](http://www.arche-nova.org)

## Upcoming training sessions

### Classical training:

**Bangkok** (English): 15 – 22 June  
**N'Djamena** (French): 22 – 29 June

**Warning! NEW procedure for registration as of July.**

**Managua** (Spanish): 20 – 27 July  
**Warsaw** (English): 26 – 30 September  
**Nairobi** (English): 19 – 26 October  
**Brussels** (English): 24 – 28 October  
**Santo Domingo** (Spanish): 16 – 23 Nov  
**Kinshasa** (French): 16 – 23 November  
**Kabul** (English): 21 – 28 November  
**London** (English): 12 – 16 December  
**Brussels** (French): 16 – 20 January

Further information about the training calendar and the registration procedures available at  
[www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/training/start)

## Thoughts from the field...



**"Do not turn back when you are just at the goal"**  
Publius Syrus (~100 BC)

## Distance learning training:

### Preparing the Action: The Single Form

20 June - 3 July  
4 July - 17 July  
18 July – 31 July

### Completing the Action: The Final Reporting

20 June - 3 July  
4 July - 17 July  
18 July – 31 July

### The eSingle Form: online - HQ

13 June - 26 June  
27 June - 10 July  
11 July – 24 July

### The eSingle Form: offline - Field

13 June - 26 June  
27 June - 10 July  
11 July – 24 July

If you wish to register, please follow the instructions at  
[www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start](http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/doku.php/dl/start)