

TR-AID

Transparent Aid



The System

TR-AID is an information gathering system that has been developed to support sharing of information across major international donors with the aim to using aid funds most effectively.

Data Sources

Data is currently being compiled automatically from Commission databases, open sources, third-party databases, and international official aid activity databases. These data sources are varied, not always constant and there is no standardisation across various sources.

We therefore need to study each source of information, map the data from each source to our own data structures and produce a consistent data repository that can then be queried. This allows hiding the complexity of the data behind the seemingly simple queries.

Serving the needs

The system intends to serve the needs of donors of international development aid and their internal control departments, national and international regulatory authorities and field officers in delegations of the Commission.

Aid Effectiveness

TR-AID aims at providing the latest information for effective use of aid funds and for monitoring project activities. The effectiveness of the tool is to be further enhanced by data analysis and visualisation capabilities.

Paris Declaration

TR-AID is one step ahead of the Paris Declaration of March 2005, which promotes a model of partnership to improve transparency and accountability on the use of development resources.

"The Paris Declaration, endorsed on 2 March 2005, is an international agreement to which over one hundred Ministers, Heads of Agencies and other Senior Officials adhered and committed their countries and organisations to continue to increase efforts in harmonisation, alignment and managing aid for results with a set of monitorable actions and indicators."

<http://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness>

European Transparency Initiative

It also supports the European Transparency Initiative of the European Commissioner Siim Kallas (March 2005).

"...the EU [European Union] has committed itself to full transparency about who receives monies from the EU budget."

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/kallas/transparency_en.htm



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