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**Annual Meeting of the Practitioners' Network
London, 20 May 2011**

Activities and Organisation of the Network Achievements and Way Forward

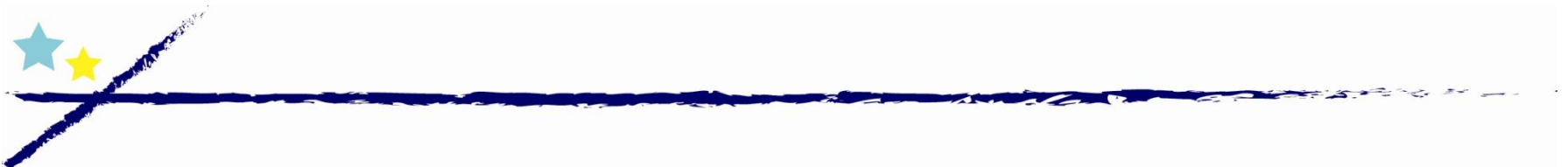


PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK FOR EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Main Activities of the Network

The activities of the Network since the last annual meeting can be summarised along four axes :

- ✓ exchange of good practice on topics of specific interest for mutual benefit
- ✓ generate Practitioners' feedback on key European development issues or to global development issues
- ✓ creating opportunities for sustained collaboration
- ✓ Development and structuring of the Network



Summary of Activities

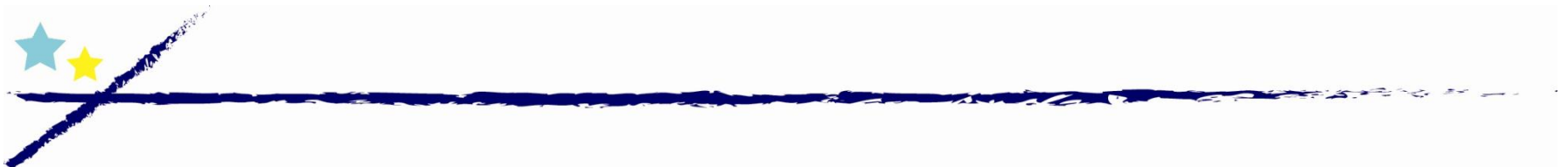
- April 2010
 - TG QM: Joint Monitoring
 - TR-Aid Transparent Aid
- May 2010
 - Practitioners' Network Annual meeting
- May 2010
 - Installation of Coordination Office in Brussels
- June 2010
 - TG DoL: The Commission's Financial Regulation: Planned changes regarding the implementation of EU development cooperation; Division of Labour in Practice: feed-back from the Mozambique AFD country office
- November 2010
 - TG DoL: Financial Regulation of the EU Commission: follow up on planned changes and collection of comments
- December 2010
 - European Development Days (EDDs): Stand and Panel: "SME - Motor of Development".
- March 2011
 - TG Climate Change: Clean Development Mechanisms
 - Workshop on Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP)



Creation of the Coordination Office

Set up in Brussels and operational since June 2010:

- ✓ Screening of the European agenda, coming events, reports etc. and informing members about possible subjects of interest
- ✓ Establishing/maintaining contacts with Network members and other relevant institutions
- ✓ Maintaining and feeding the website
- ✓ Elaboration of Network promotion material (leaflet, document folder, business cards)
- ✓ Providing support to Members for the organisation of workshops and other activities within the Practitioners' Network (e.g. EDD)



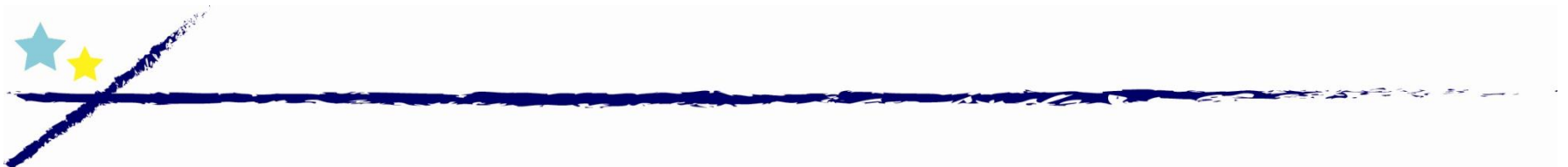
Network Budget (per 31 March 2011)

<i>Income</i>		
<i>Contributions from network members:</i>		
Partner contributions for 2010/2011 (paid in 2009)	21.000,00 €	
Partner contributions for 2010/2011 (paid in 2010)	87.000,00 €	
Advance payment for 2011/2012: KfW, CzDA; SlovakAid	21.000,00 €	
<i>Others:</i>		
EDFI contribution for EDD	2.300,00 €	
Interests	72,25 €	
Reimbursements	214,89 €	
		131.587,14 €
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Network Coordinator Personnel Costs	34.799,70 €	
Office Rent	22.422,85 €	
Communication & other office costs (incl. Petty cash 50 €)	2.023,94 €	
Travel costs	1.244,08 €	
Marketing costs (leaflet printing, etc.)	3.962,35 €	
Office equipment	7.007,45 €	
Special budget lines (EDD)	7.302,21 €	
Gender WS (to be refunded by DFID)	754,00 €	
		79.516,58 €
Balance PN bank account plus PN cash in hand		52.070,56 €



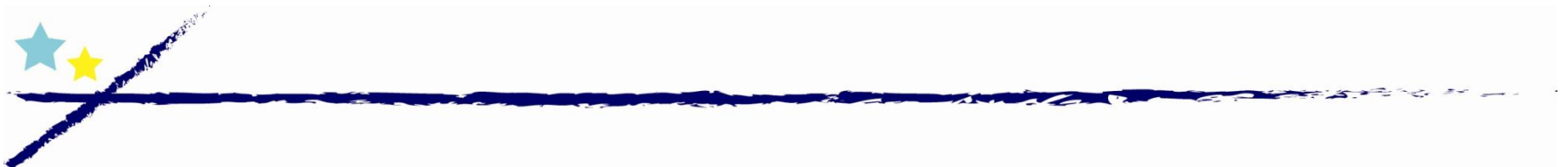
Network Budget

- ✓ Expenses approx. like projected except for communication costs (much less spent) and the unaccounted for EDD spending (ca. 5,000 €)
- ✓ Remaining amount of around 30,000 € to be carried forward to next financial year 2011/2012
- ✓ Up to 3,000 € will be at the disposal of the Annual Meeting host agency to cover AM costs from 2011 onwards
- ✓ Overall Network Budget 2011/2012: 105,000 €



Membership and Participation

- ✓ At present 11 paying members : ADA, AFD, AECID, BTC-CTB, CzDA, DFID, EuropeAid, GIZ, KfW, Lux Development, SlovakAid
- ✓ SlovakAid joined the Network as member in 2010
- ✓ GTZ and EuropeAid changed/will change names (to GIZ and DG DEVCO)
- ✓ InWent is now part of GIZ
- ✓ Other institutions (eg. EIB, SIDA, FINNIDA) are participating to Network activities (notably annual meetings and/or CC or DoL workshops) and may clarify their positioning to the Network



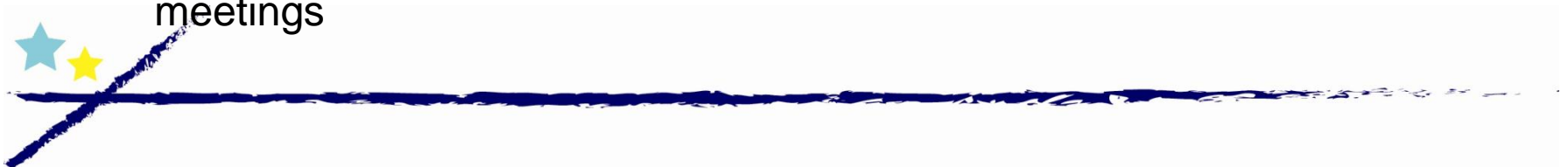
Network Structure for the Coming Year

Presidency

- ✓ Lux Development has taken over the presidency until the 2012 annual meeting, which will be held in Luxembourg
Presidency contact: Alice Risch (risch@lux-development.lu)
- ✓ GIZ will take over from Lux Development in 2012

Core Group

- ✓ The new troika : Lux Development (Alice Risch), DFID (NN), GIZ (Martina Kampmann)
- ✓ Thematic group leaders are often associated to core group meetings
- ✓ The coordinator (Katja Legien) supports and participates to core group meetings



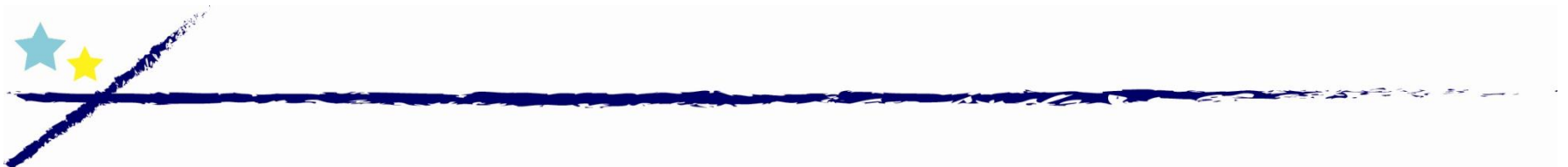
2010/2011 Logframe (Summary)

PROJECT NAME	EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS NETWORK- WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11
Overall Objective	Indicator
The Practitioners' Network contributes to increased effectiveness and efficiency in EU aid, in line with Paris and Accra principles and with the EU Code of Conduct	The Practitioners' Network facilitates xx key events that are seen to feed in to EU wide debate on aid effectiveness
	Indicator
	x examples of division of labour/project collaboration in the field incl. delegated cooperation with the EC by May 2011
PURPOSE	Indicator
The Practitioners' Network facilitates enhanced co-operation and/or shared good practice between European development practitioners	The thematic groups aligned to the Network achieve agreed objectives by May 2011 or are conversely dissolved or reorganised if there is a lack of participation/interest from the EU donor community
	Indicator
	xxx examples of shared good practice between EU donors and other development actors encouraged through the Network by May 2011
	Indicator
	DFID explores the interest of members for a new TG on working with Civil Society and/or PS Development, and/or another topic
	Indicator
	DFID organises at least one workshop on Gender Equality
Result 1	Indicator
The network contributes to shaping a pluralistic and collaborative European development system involving as much as possible all European official development actors	New members join the Network
	Indicator
	Effective participation of majority of Network members to network activities (other than the annual meeting)
	Indicator
	Effective participation of practitioners to the reflexions on the evolution of Europ. dev. cooperation beyond 2014
Result 2	Indicator
An effective Network management structure consisting of the current annual Network Presidency, the Core Group and the Coordination Office ensures successful organisation of Network activities during 2010/11	Core group as driving force for the Network meets regularly and manages efficiently the network activities under the leadership of the Presidency and supported by the Coordination Office
	Indicator
	Successful EDD 2010 participation: event and stand
	Indicator
	Successful organisation and implementation of May 2011 Annual Meeting
	Indicator
	Transfer to Lux Dev takes place as part of May 2011 Annual Meeting organised by DFID
	Indicator
	A President is identified to take over in 2012 and the troika is subsequently renewed
Result 3	Indicator
The newly set up Network Coordination Office successfully takes over from and enhances the Secretariat functions initially conducted by KfW	Accurate & punctual reporting of Network events/meetings (when not responsibility of TG leaders or other donors)
	Indicator
	Enhanced and updated web site and other communication supports (Network marketing material, business cards) with useful information
	Indicator
	Logistical support given when appropriate for facilitating Network affiliated events
	Indicator
	Monitoring and communication of EU Agenda and current topics in development cooperation to members, identifying possible subjects of common interest and proposing subsequent joint activities
Result 4	Indicator
Sound financial management and financial sustainability of the Network ensured	Two voluntary "auditors" among members (except KfW) revise the accounts
	Indicator
	Network members renew financial commitments for core Network support costs



Some Projects for this Year

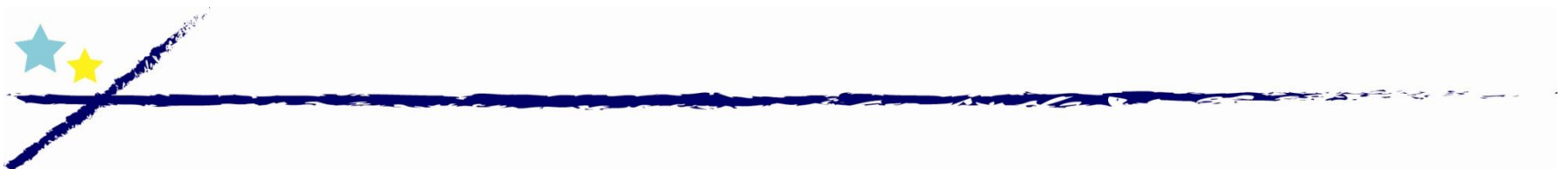
- ✓ Launching of a new thematic group “Result based funding /programming and monitoring” (GIZ)
- ✓ Individual Workshops (e.g. outcome of AM)
- ✓ Follow-up of the revision of the financial regulations of the Commission
- ✓ Participation to the European Development Days (December 2011) in Warsaw



Member Survey Results – Some Highlights

The Network today - Uniqueness and Value:

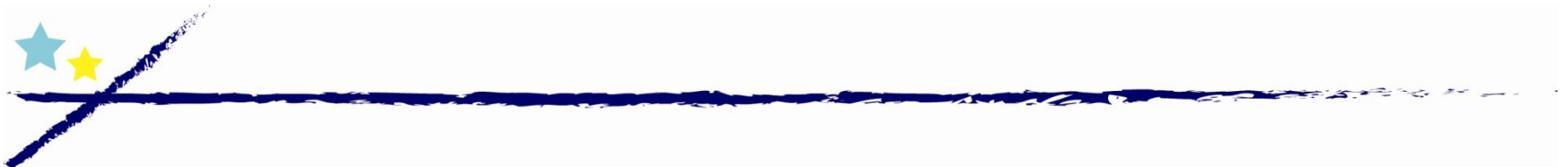
- ✓ Network perceived as only existing forum for practitioners of implementing agencies with focus on exchange of experiences and systematic dialogue/networking between members
- ✓ Especially important in context of Division of Labour
- ✓ Good contacts with the Commission are highly valued



Member Survey Highlights

Most important services of Network:

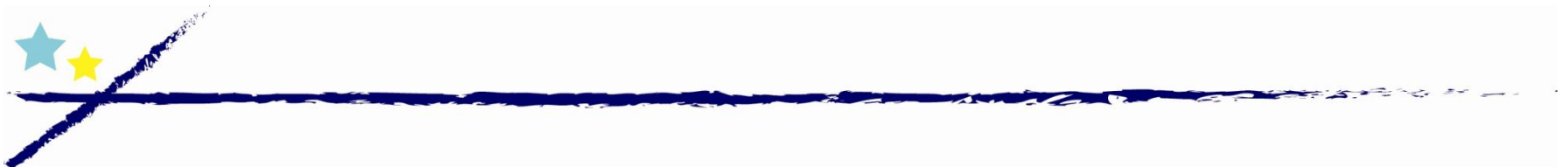
- ✓ Exchange of experiences through Thematic Groups
(especially DoL, and here especially the exchange with the Commission)
- ✓ Information service through Coordination Office/Website



Member Survey Highlights

Annual Meeting:

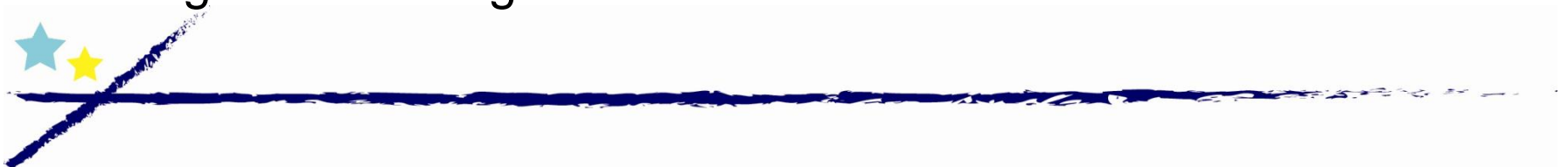
- ✓ Good occasion to meet other agencies (Directors) personally
- ✓ General format good; suggestions:
- ✓ Core Group members together draft the agenda
- ✓ Use AM to involve Directors more in strategic orientation and annual planning



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European Development Days:

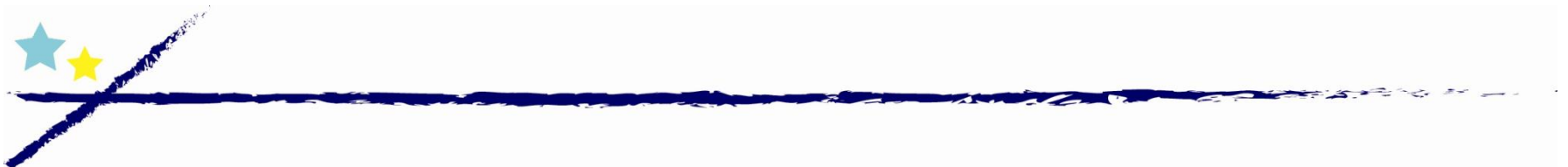
- ✓ Positive feedback for PN EDD contributions 2010
- ✓ 2011: Be present with stand *and* event like in 2010;
suggestions:
- ✓ All Network members should equip their stands with
Network promotion material and inform visitors accordingly
- ✓ Network should invite for a social event for European
agencies during the EDD



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Coordination Office:

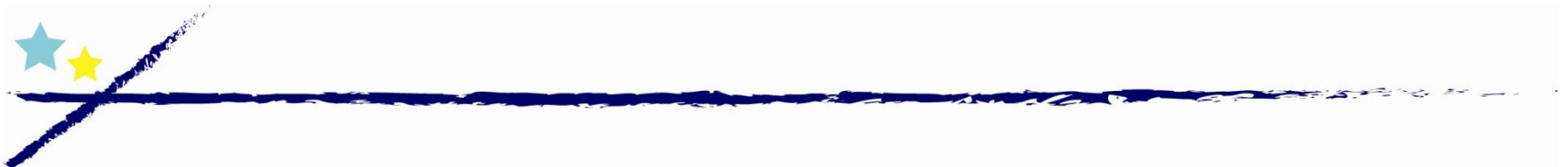
- ✓ Members are happy with the information service, regular exchange of CO with core group members, logistical support, website maintenance, etc.



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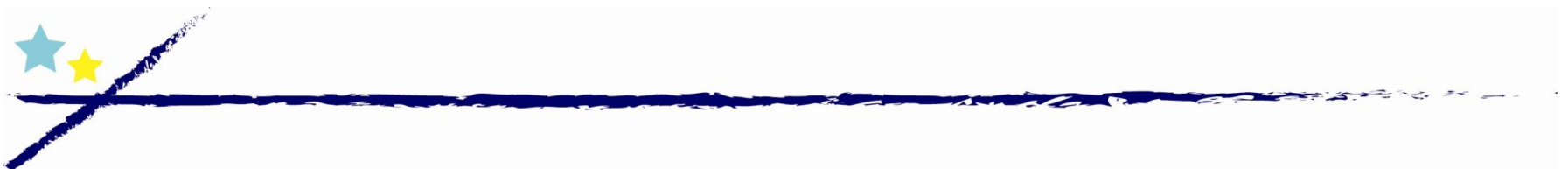
- ✓ Members are happy with the up-to date information posted; suggestions:
- ✓ Members inform more about their activities (e.g. delegated cooperation, main sectors/regions, agency yearly highlights)
- ✓ Internal platform for informal dialog (Q&A, exchange of information, etc.)
- ✓ Collection of docs/links on selected topics (TG + new topics)



Member Survey Highlights

Topics of interest for exchange:

South-South Cooperation, Knowledge management, Gender, MDG, Options for joint financing operations; EU climate financing, Use of country systems (outside of budget support), Transparency/accountability, European position as practitioners for Busan, Microcredits, Non-financial private sector involvement in dev. coop.



Issues to be Discussed

- ✓ Thematic Groups Inst. Development/HR and Quality Management – how to proceed?
- ✓ Future strategic focus of Network (recap/outcome from first day)
- ✓ Topics to follow up with workshops or other forms of exchange
- ✓ How to increase agency internal visibility of Network?
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