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What is the PN?

The Practitioners' Network is an open platform for exchange, coordination and harmonisation between

19 European development cooperation organisations with a public service mission

and

DG for International Cooperation & Development (DG DEVCO) of the European Commission as **observer**.

Who are its members?



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What are its objectives?

Contribute to coherence within the EU donors community

Benefit from the wide range of organisations active in this field to encourage an **integrated, pluralistic and innovative approach** to European development cooperation, implemented as efficiently as possible.

Strengthen cooperation, links and complementary between European development players with a public service mission

Create opportunities for cooperation and synergies at the **implementation level**



How is it organised?

- **General Assembly:**

- Main organ, composed by all Members and meets at least once a year.
- **Defines PN strategy** and determines PN budget, among others

- **Steering Committee:**

- Comprises 3 Members that hold the incoming, current and outgoing Presidency plus other 3 Members appointed by the General Assembly.
- **Prepares and implements decisions taken by the General Assembly**, promotes PN representation at European level and can act as PN face in dealings with the European Commission and other stakeholders.



How is it organised?

- **Troika:**

- Composed of the previous, current and future Presidency
- Guarantees the **strategic continuity and ownership of the PN**

- **Presidency:**

- Rotates with a 1 years' nomination. Volunteers or is appointed by the General Assembly
- Calls, organises and chairs PN meetings, ensures PN public relations and promotes its representation, among others



How does it work?

Strategic engagement with EU sectors/issues of relevance for the network that are explored on quarterly basis in **4 Working Groups to:**

- **Exchange information and experience** on development cooperation
- **Provide feedback to the EU** on European development policies from a practitioners perspective
- Resolve any issues and work with EU to **improve financial & contractual background and process**

Which are its main working groups?



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Effective Partnership



Contractual and Financial Framework



Crisis, Fragility and Migration



Cooperation with the Private Sector



Culture for Development Task Force



Effective Partnership WG

Promotes general mutual knowledge, effective coordination and enhanced partnerships among Members and between Members and the European Commission.

Objectives:

1. Strengthen mutual knowledge and exchange in order to fully foster the principles of the network
2. Contribute to improved joint implementation practices



Contractual & Financial Framework WG

Assures establishment of simplified and viable contractual frameworks under which PN Members can collaborate with the EU.

Including:

1. Post PAGO DA contract templates
2. Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (FFPA)
3. Implementation Issues
4. Review of the Financial Regulation
5. Revised Pillar Assessment methodology
6. Cost Eligibility issues



Crisis, Fragility and Migration WG

Promotes knowledge sharing, effective coordination and mutualisation of capacity for analysis and implementation to strengthen the collective EU response towards resilience in situations of crisis and fragility, by combining the comparative advantages of European aid actors.

Objectives:

1. Strengthen mutual knowledge and exchange among PN members and between the PN and the EU institutions
2. Contribute to EU effective coordination, mutualisation and joint implementation in fragility contexts



Cooperation with the Private Sector WG

Exchanges among PN members but also with the Commission on the ever-increasingly important role of the private sector in development cooperation and fosters a formal private sector in partner countries.

Objectives:

1. Facilitate European Commission to disseminate information and engage with European member state organisations on respective initiatives, such as the EU External Investment Plan
2. Operate as an informal source of information, guidance and consultation with regards to the implementation of such initiatives and knowledge on blended finance
3. Search for the development of (possibly joint) new approaches to increase impact of private sector engagement for development



Culture for Development

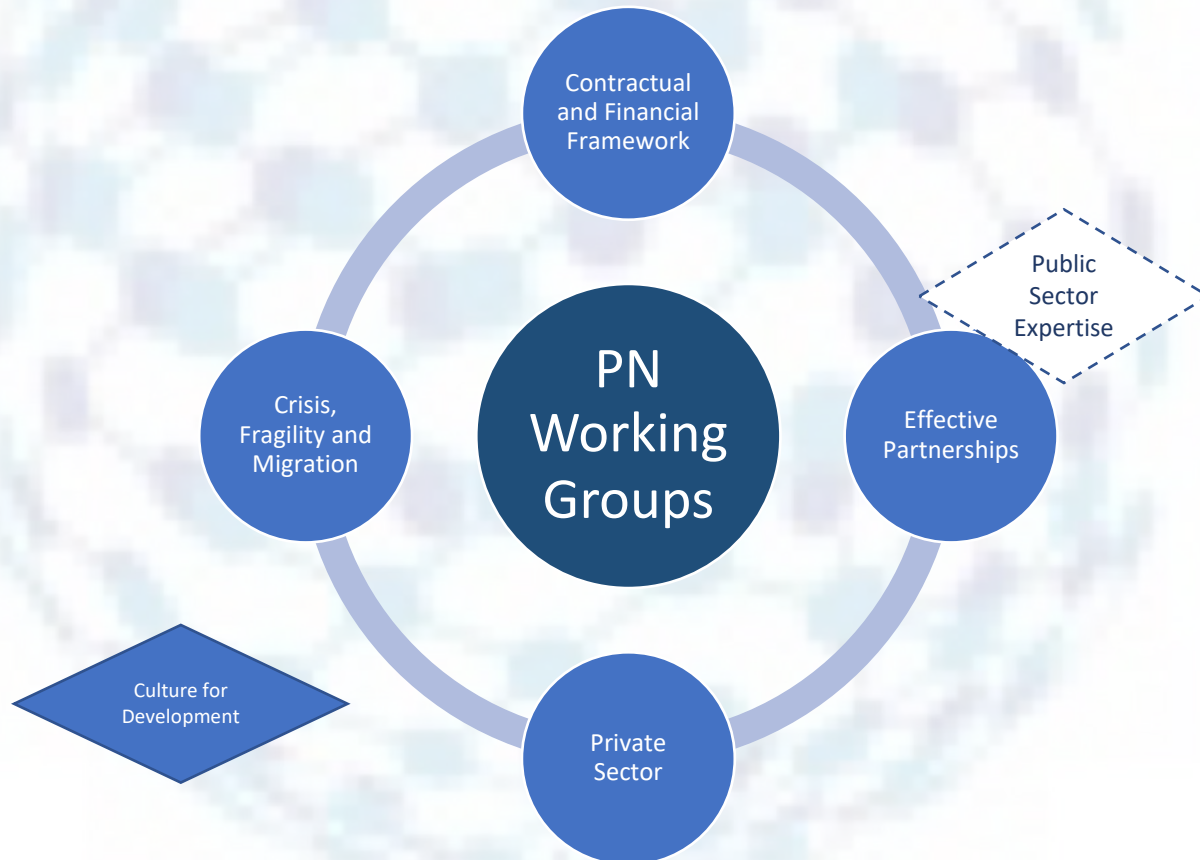
Sharing knowledge, expertise and best practices, among PN members, on Culture and development policies, programs and activities, as well as working on how to best contribute to the 2030 Agenda through Culture.

Objectives:

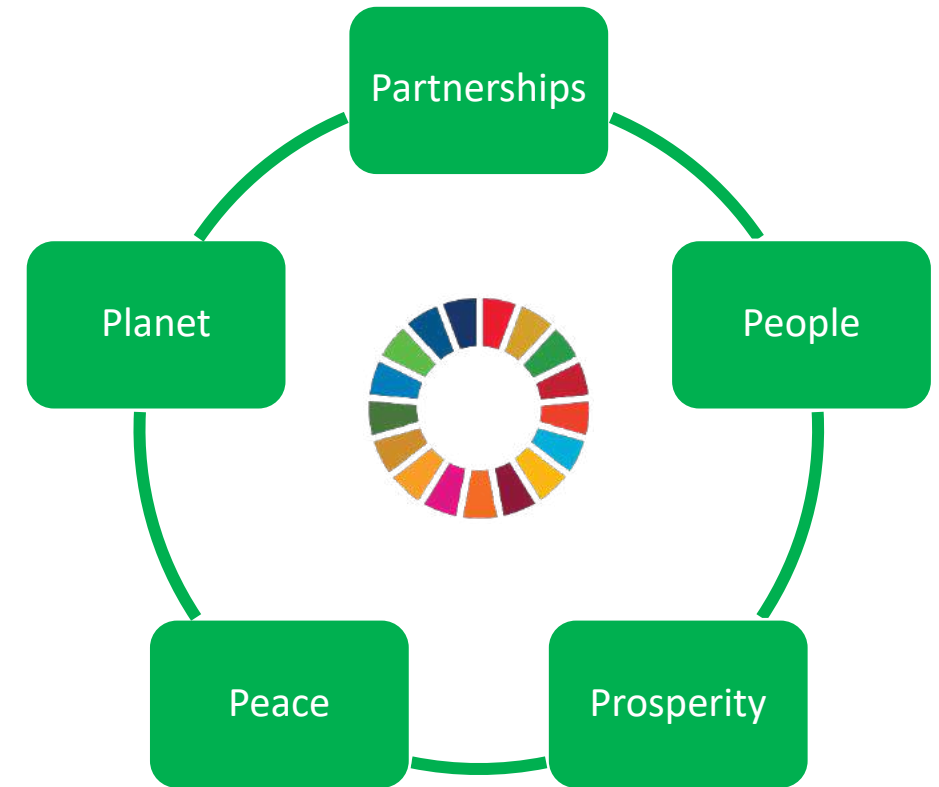
1. Define a common concept of Culture as a tool for sustainable development and
2. Outline a strategic approach of Culture in development cooperation actions
3. Identify best practices on how to work together on Culture and development
4. Identifying institutional partners outside the PN



WG structure



Work plan debate structure





Latest Results achieved by WG

- **Negotiations and signature of the FFPA** between MSAs and Commission
- **Key sections/recommendations** agreed upon by PN members regarding DEVCO Guide “Working Better Together Guidance” for effective Joint Implementation
- An **inclusiveness study** has been conducted, operationalised and shared (internally and externally with CODEV reps) to contribute to a more inclusive EU cooperation.
- A study on **Good Practices in Joint Implementation** has been conducted
- Contributions have been made to the finalisation of the draft **CA manual** and the exchange on the application of **OPSYS** and the **principle of tax avoidance**



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