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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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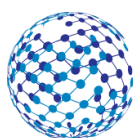
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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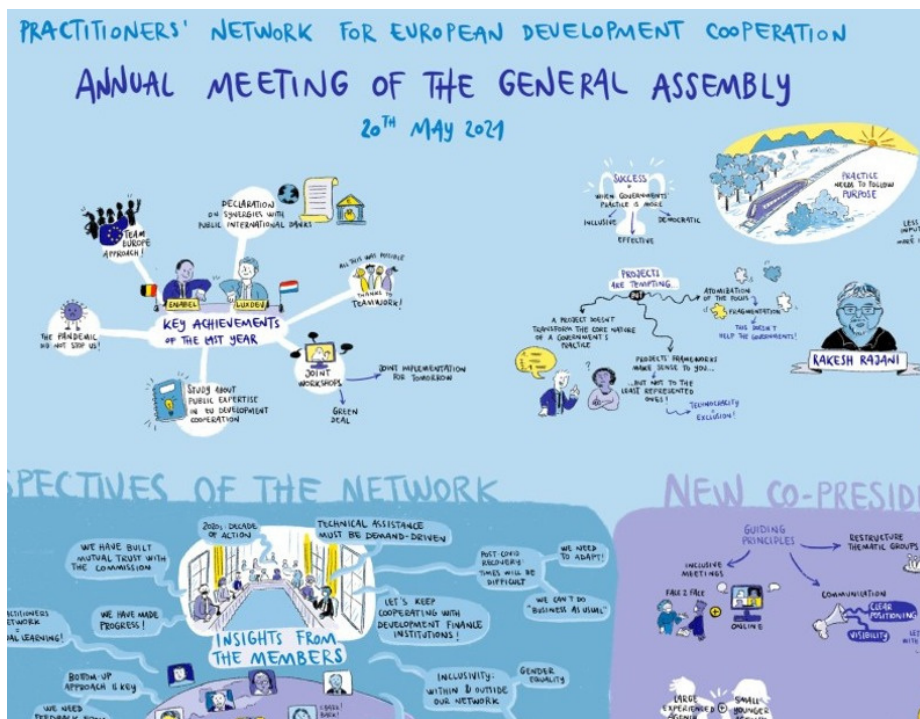
During the 14th Annual General Assembly, the future role and ambition of the Practitioners' Network (PN) was discussed. This included reflections on how to increase the strategic contribution to addressing major global challenges from a development perspective, how to foster synergies and partnerships with European Development Finance Institutions (EDFIs), non-European development agencies, as well as on how to make Joint Implementation better and more inclusive.

The CEO's discussion brought out several ideas to be further developed within the PN: An overall consensus was expressed on the relevance of Team Europe Initiatives and of Working Better Together, but also the importance of strengthening partnerships between European providers of technical and financial assistance. This should be enunciated through the principle of "policy first", combined with mobilising European Public Sector Expertise and a focus on key thematic priorities for the European Commission, such as the European Green Deal and digitalisation. The CEOs also agreed to be more present as a network in international development forums to share innovative ideas.



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From left to right, bottom row Lidija Kašubienė CEO of CPMA, Gaston Schwartz CEO of LuxDev, Jean Van Wetter CEO of Enabel, Meryame Kitir Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation, Koen Doens Director General of DG INTPA, Tanja Goenner CEO of GIZ and Anna Terrón Cusi CEO of FIAP. Top row Simon O'Connell CEO of SNV, Cătălin Harnagea General Director of RoAid, Jan Sliva CEO of CzechAid, Jérémie Pellet General Director of Expertise France, Anna Lipchitz Head of AFD Group Liaison Office to the European Institutions, Lenka Truijensová Team Leader Delegated Cooperation of CzechAid and Mark de Leeuw Directorate-General for International Cooperation of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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CO-PRESIDENCY HANDOVER

During the ceremony, Enabel and LuxDev handed over the Presidency of the network for the coming year to CPMA and GIZ. The incoming co-Presidency shared with all members the strategic priorities for the period 2021-2022, building on the work of the previous Presidency and focusing on the policy areas also highlighted by the CEO roundtable. In addition, a restructuring of the current working group (WG) structure was proposed to reflect the coherence of the WGs and how to best accommodate the new priorities of the network.

Despite the challenging Covid-19 context, the PN has made relevant progress in the last year: The network has become more inclusive due to online meetings and the establishment of PN dual Presidencies as an alternative to single Presidencies. The PN also carried out a variety of activities, such as the Crisis Fragility & Migration workshops, the Public Sector Expertise Study, the “Joint Implementation for Tomorrow” workshop in order to bring the PN to the field or the organisation of several CEO meetings, which lead to a joint PN members’ “Declaration on synergies with Public Development Banks” at the Finance in Common Summit in Paris. In addition, the Team Europe Task Force, established in autumn, has become a crucial platform for the European Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) for the design and future operationalisation of Team Europe Initiatives. Finally, the network continued improving its internal and external visibility by developing a new website, a regular newsletter and a video presentation.

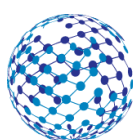


From left to right, Tanja Goenner CEO of GIZ, Lidija Kašubienė CEO of CPMA, Jean Van Wetter CEO of Enabel and Gaston Schwartz CEO of LuxDev.

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Presidency 2022-2023:
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