



## Draft Proposal

### Concept note for

Series of workshops on how in practice we could contribute to the improvement of the mobilisation of European Public Sector Expertise in international development cooperation

at the PN Effective Partnerships and Implementation Working Group  
2021-2022

### 1. Background

The EU-PN study on the mobilisation of European Public Sector Expertise (PSE) in international development cooperation, jointly commissioned in 2020 by DG INTPA and the PN, has outlined a number of recommendations for the EU and its MS to enhance the mobilisation of PSE in EU and its MS development cooperation.

The study concludes there is a need to improve the performance and mobilisation of European PSE, maximising the full potential and benefits of PSE in programming, designing, and implementing a value-based and geostrategic technical assistance to strengthen the public administration capacity in partner countries.

As some recommendations target MS and their organisations, the PN is a relevant forum to discuss these recommendations both between the PN members, relevant Commission services and other external stakeholders.

These workshops could also be open to MS organisations that are not part of the PN, but are active in mobilising European PSE in international actions.

### 2. Objective

At the PN level, the objective is that the network continues contributing to maximizing the potential benefits of European PSE within European cooperation system, by discussing and translating main findings and recommendations of the joint PN-PSE study into action.

### 3. Expected results

The key findings and recommendations of the PSE study are well disseminated and understood by the PN members.

The strategic importance of mobilisation of European PSE and its added value to the Team Europe approach/Team Europe Initiatives is well explained to the PN members.

Discussions and exchanges on lessons learned (including good practices, experiences and methodologies) are well nurtured in the PN future work.



The PN will also feed to the broad exchanges with EU and its MS institutions on processes and policies and the role of PSE in European development cooperation system.

#### 4. Targeted stakeholders

To ensure that actions are inclusive and a product of co-creation, discussions at the PN level should include any PN member willing to contribute and relevant external actors at European level. These can include MSOs that are not members of the PN, relevant public administration institutions from MS that do not have development cooperation implementing agencies, and relevant European public administration networks such as EUPAN. Experts employed by public agencies that provide and/or promote the mobilisation of the PSE can also be invited.

The European Commission (DG INTPA, DG NEAR and FPI) also will actively participate in these workshops.

#### 5. Foreseen actions

At the PN level, a series of three workshops are envisaged in the framework of the Effective Partnerships and Implementation Working Group (EPIWG):

- Workshop 1: Presentation of the EU-PN Action Plan on PSE and work to do in 2021-2022; call for PN members willing to join this work stream. Discussion on how to strengthen the European PSE offer. October 2021.

Participants: PN members, European Commission (INTPA, NEAR and FPI), representatives of non-PN organisations with experiences in mobilising PSE (such as Croatia, Finland, Ireland), also EUPAN members.

- Workshop 2: Discussion around the existing and new incentives to involve EU MS public experts in international PSE assignments and the ways to tackle administrative, financial, legal and procedures related constraints for mobilising public experts in PSE activities – January 2022 (tbd).
- Workshop 3: Discussion around the gender dimension of PSE mobilization and deployment (inclusion of the gender approach, gender analysis) – March/April 2022 (tbd).