Our membership









We are happy to exchange with you. In case of any questions regarding the Practitioners' Network and our activities, please contact us at: info@dev-practitioners.eu

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Who we are

What is special about us

Insights into our work

A Network of European Development Cooperation Practitioners

Exchange, coordination and harmonization are in the focus of our work. As the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation we bring together experts from European development cooperation organizations and the EU to share information and to discuss experiences and synergies.

Having insights into the implementation of European development cooperation worldwide, we focus on operational issues and recommendations arising from our daily work.

By providing feedback on European development policies from our practitioners' perspective, we contribute to coherence of the European efforts. We encourage an integrated, pluralistic, innovative, pragmatic and efficient approach in implementing European development cooperation.



Our Structure, our Members and our Values

The Practitioners' Network was founded in 2007 and consists of 17 Members, 5 Associates and 1 Observer. It is open to European non-profit national bodies with a public service mission, which directly implement European or bilateral development assistance.

We are experts in European development cooperation and we ensure that operational experiences from partner countries are also shared and discussed in Brussels and in the EU member states. Coordination efforts and Joint implementation contribute to harmonizing European development policies and delivering more effective cooperation around the world.

We operate at the forefront of sustainable development and contribute in development efforts worldwide. Our reference framework includes the EU Consensus on Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Practitioners' Network is governed by its Charter and is constituted by the General Assembly of all Members. The Network is chaired by the Presidency held by a Member in annual rotation. A Steering Committee of six Members including the Presidency or Co-Presidency and a Coordinator supports the Presidency and the Network's activities. The budget of the Practitioners' Network is entirely based on the Members' contributions.

Our Strategic Focus and Thematic Priorities

We focus on specific activities and topics, which are being discussed and promoted in diverse Working Groups.

We contribute to:

- Establishing a simplified and viable contractual and financial framework for EU development cooperation projects;
- > Enhancing effective partnerships between Members and with the European Commission especially in the framework of partnerships agreement
- > Strengthening the collective EU response towards resilience in situations of crises and fragility
- > Strengthening the role of private sector on development.
- > Identifying opportunities to develop (joint) new approaches in partner countries in Green Deal-related priorities.
- > Sharing knowledge and best practices on digitalisation.
- > Working on how to best contribute to the 2030 Agenda through Culture
- > Building new relations with other development actors to contribute to a more inclusive European Arquitecture for Development

In addition, our current thematic priorities include activities on:

Team Europe: set-down this partnership through concrete joint initiatives

Public Technical Expertise: Enhance the strategic role of European public sector development cooperation system

Gender: Increase Gender perspective mainstreaming and integration in the PN work and in Members joint initiatives