Opportunities for Public participation in Programming

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Why public participation in EC assistance programming cycle is needed?
EU/EC

- EU Development Policy – The European Consensus on Development
- Lisbon Treaty
- EC Charter of Fundamental Rights
EU major principles

- Most important common principles:
  - Ownership, partnership
  - Participation of civil society
  - Gender equality
  - Addressing state fragility
  - In-depth political dialogue
EU development policy

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European Consensus on Development

- Policy document – not legally binding
- Includes a part applicable to all EU Member States (!)
- Applies to all countries defined as developing by the OECD/DAC: all “ENP” countries except Israel and Russia
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• Areas for intervention:
  ▫ Trade and regional integration
  ▫ Environment and sustainable management of resources
  ▫ Infrastructure, Communications and transport
  ▫ Water and energy
  ▫ Rural development
  ▫ Governance, democracy, human rights
  ▫ Conflict prevention and fragile states
  ▫ Human development (including the promotion of gender equality and environmental sustainability)
EC Charter on Fundamental Rights

- **Article 37 - Environmental protection**
  A high level of environmental protection and the improvement of the quality of the environment must be integrated into the policies of the Union and ensured in accordance with the principle of sustainable development.

- **Article 23 Equality between men and women**
  Equality between men and women must be ensured in all areas, including employment, work and pay.
Why to be involved

1. Ensure it is inclusive, transparent and participatory
2. Prevent of corruption and fraud;
3. Ensure that the allocation of financial resources reflects the needs of the country.
4. Facilitate the elaboration of high-quality projects
5. to improve social integration, gender equality, environmental protection, and quality of life;
6. Promote the culture of inclusive democracy;
7. Increase the sense of ownership
8. Ensure effective use of European taxpayers' money;
How to be involved on programming level

- Participate in AAP, Mid-term review
- Design priorities for new NIP/RIPs
- Monitoring and providing feedback on implementation ENP/ENPI on country/regional level
- Engage the permanent dialogue with EC delegation, respective DGs,
- Promote trialog
Actions should be undertaken

- Request EC to consult with CSOs on all stages of programming
- Provide input for annual progress country reports open for CSOs input
- Analysis of CSPs, NIP, RIP, AAP
- Identification gaps, including the project level
- Budget support – Monitoring of implementation, substantive evaluation,
- Review TA projects outputs follow up and EC/Donor countries further funding compliance
Thank you for your attention!