


# **EU Programming process**



*October 2020*

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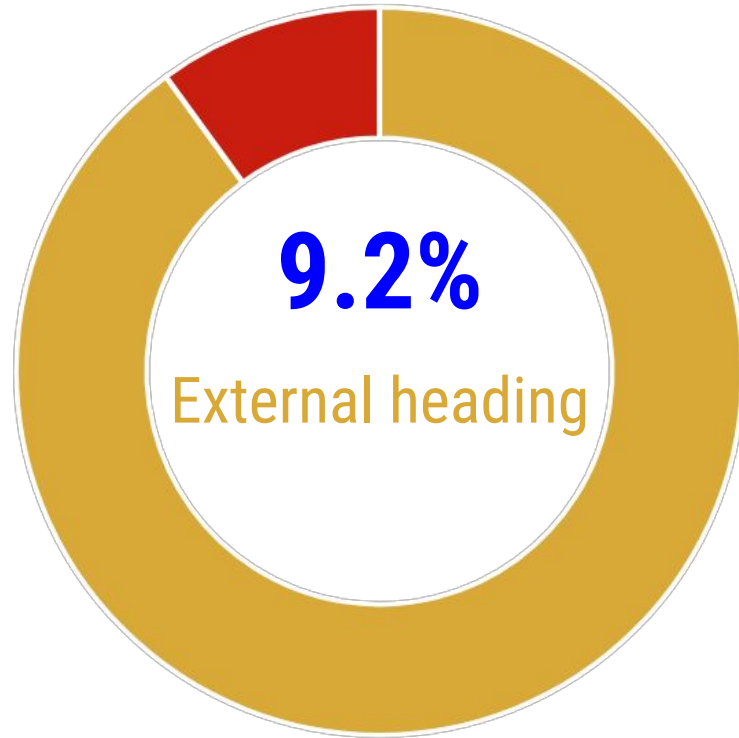
# EU budget 2021-2027

**Multiannual Financial Framework** - The EU's 7-year budget cycle and is currently being negotiated for the period 2021-2027.

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# EU Budget 2021-2027 (MFF)

## basics



- It will lock-in the EU **main policy priorities** for this period. All aspects of the EU budget are up for negotiation
- It is not only the EU budget and the instruments to implement it that are at stake but more broadly the **future role of EU** in a variety of policy areas including foreign policy, development and climate change
- **MFF will shape the future of EU development assistance**
- New external single instrument (NDICI) will now be the main EU cooperation instrument, covering mostly SDG areas, from climate action to human rights, health, gender equality, support to civil society, and many more.

# Development cooperation changes

## *Aim*

To uphold and promote the **EU's values and interests** worldwide

In the wake of the Covid-19 crisis, there is a new concept of **Team Europe**, for an increased coherence and impact of EU aid (EU institutions and EU Member States).

## *Single instrument*

“Neighborhood, development and International Cooperation Instrument” (**NDICI**)

- *geographical programmes (country level) with almost 75% of funds,*
- thematic programmes,
- rapid-response actions,
- reserve to be used in a more flexible manner

## *Targets and benchmarks yet to be approved...*

- 92% of NDICI has to be **ODA**, with reference to 0.7% GNI and 0.2 % to LDCs;
- 20% benchmark on **human development and social inclusion**;
- 5% primary gender target,
- 85% of programmes should integrate **gender equality** as a significant objective;
- 25% or higher benchmark for **climate and environment** related actions;
- A target on **migration**-related funding.

# Overarching geopolitical priorities of the new Commission



# Cross-cutting priorities of the new Commission

Involving **civil society, public and private sector** and financial institutions



Increasing **human capital**

Promoting **gender equality** and **women's empowerment**

**Multilateralism and promotion of Partnerships** also a transversal priority.

# Programming

**Key process** for the EU to translate its various priorities and principles such as development effectiveness principles and human development, gender equality and human rights, climate action and environmental protection, support to civil society, into multi-annual plans including budget allocations

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# Geo-Programming timeline

## Pre-programming

March - July 2020. EU Delegations have organised consultations and finalised their proposed "Team Europe" initiatives.

## Programming

Defining detailed modality and priority of aid for the country  
Drafting of Multi-annual indicative programmes (MIPs) with consultations in partner countries and Brussels

## Approval

Finalisation of the programming process by approval of the MIPs by EU Member States.

mar    apr    may    jun    jul    aug    sep    oct    nov    dec    jan    feb

phase 1 – pre-programming



phase 2 – programming



phase 3 – approval



=> june 2021

*This timeline might change due to different circumstances such as COVID-19, as well as approval of the EU MFF.*

# Programming basics



**“Team Europe” initiatives** - large scale multi-sectoral initiatives focusing on new Commission’s priorities such as green growth



**EU Delegations** – in charge of defining the overarching initiatives and organising consultations

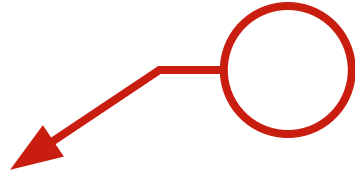


**Consultations** – with local partners such as CSOs, private sector, EU Member states, multilateral organisations

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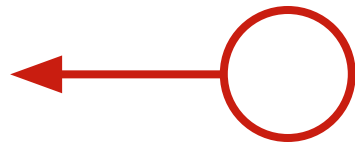


MIPs



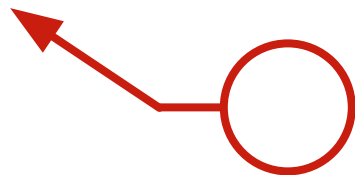
## priority areas

Description of the “Team Europe” initiatives with indication of priority areas selected for Union financing



## expected results

With clear and specific performance indicators



## financial allocations

Both overall per country and per priority area

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**Programming process** has started, and the EU Delegations should organise consultations with different stakeholders including CSOs between now and the next few weeks.

**Get engaged !**

# Programming CSO engagement

## Reach out

By contacting the EU Delegation find out:

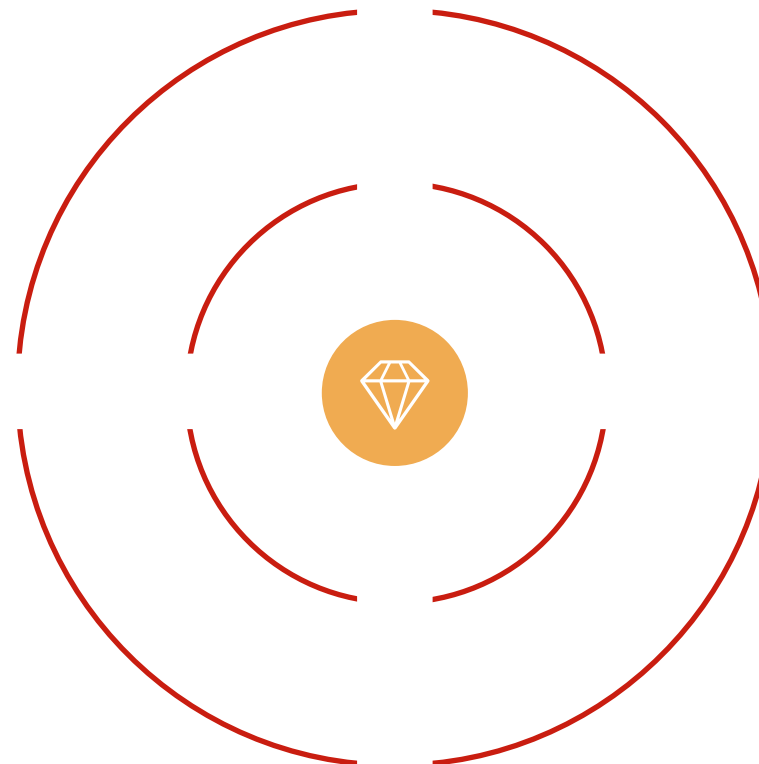
- the outcomes of the pre-programming phase;
- if and when CSOs consultation is happening for the programming phase. If not, request the Head of Cooperation to organise it.

## Get organised

Join forces with other CSOs to ensure consistency of your programming advocacy and joint positioning. Include lessons learned or analysis of the pre-programming phase.

## Be prepared

Come prepared to the consultations with concrete/clear messages for the future priorities and aid implementation modalities for the EU's development cooperation in your countries.



# Programming key messages

In a restrictive country contexts, key messages for EUD on how to support CSOs on shrinking civic space

Provide examples of the CSO role and added value in geographical programmes

Advocate for privileged access to dedicated CSO and HR and democracy programmes

Advocate for continued transparent programming process and allocation of funding for all future funding modalities

do



don't



**Do not meet to ask about the funding for your projects or your organisation** – this is neither the timing nor the purpose of the engagement and it may distort your key messages. This is about the long-term overarching funding strategy of the EU in your country and the funding for the CSO sector and its priorities.

**Stronger together** CONCORD leads/coordinates/monitors the involvement of its members, but also regional partners and local civil society at different stages of programming.

**CONCORD**  
**Actions**

# Actions for coming weeks/months



## Advocacy in BXL

CONCORD's recommendations on the EU Programming process for external instrument

*Meaningful, inclusive, timely and participatory programming process*



## Mobilisation

Information note for partners on NDICI programing

Webinars for CSOs



## Monitoring

[Online Tool](#) to monitor the consultations on partner countries

Feedback from CSOs in partner countries on the quality of programming consultations

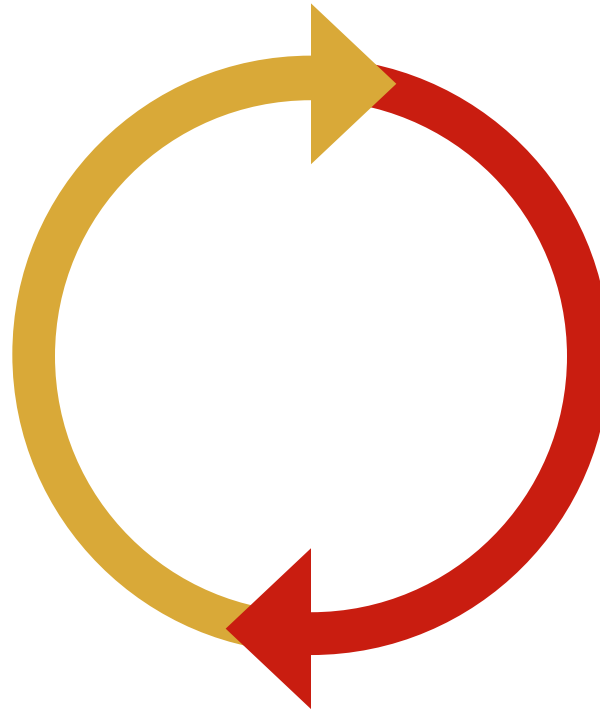


# Feedback Support



## Support available

CONCORD set up an [online monitoring tool](#) for the different consultations taking place around the world. It needs your input in case the date of the consultation is not there, and you already know it.



## Feedback matters

Feedback is crucial for CONCORD to be able to report back on the quality of the process, or on improvements to be made further.

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**CONCORD** - Timeline of EU  
budget 2021-2027

<https://concordeurope.org/what-we-do/promoting-civil-society-space/eu-budget-mff-2021-2027/>

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