







Resilience for refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities in response to the protracted Syrian and Iraqi crises





Side Event to the Brussels VII Syria Conference

When European Partners Team Up: Lessons Learnt from European Multi-Partner Programmes in the Syria Crisis Response

Tuesday, 13 June 2023, 16:00-18:00 (CEST/Brussels)
NH Hotel EU Berlaymont & Livestream

Please register your physical attendance by Tuesday, 6 June 2023 to secure a place.

Registration Link | Livestream Link

"Team Europe" has created renewed interest in efforts to deliver a more significant impact through cooperation between European development partners. As a partnership of five European partners working in the region since 2016, the Qudra programme has developed lessons learnt on how to think about cooperation between European development partners, its potential and limitations, and the conditions under which it can succeed.

This side-event to the Brussels VII Syria conference will reflect on the experience of the Qudra programme and other measures involving multiple European partners in a coordinated way. The aim is to arrive at concrete recommendations for donors and implementing partners so that future cooperation creates the greatest possible added value for partners and beneficiaries in the region and beyond.

Among others, the event will discuss the following questions:

- Are European Multi-Partner programmes worth it? Do results on the ground justify the investments in coordination necessary to make cooperation and work and succeed in the quest for an added value?
- How can cooperation be designed to ensure complementarity and harness and comparative strengths of European partners?
- How do local partners perceive the cooperation between European development partners, and how do they judge its success?
- What are concrete recommendations for the programming, design and implementation for a potential next generation of European Multi-Partner Programmes?

Audience Q&A and a networking reception will follow the panel discussion.

Panellists:

- **Gerhard Krause,** Deputy Head of Unit for Middle East, European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission
- María Victoria Wulff Barreiro, Head of Brussels Office, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- Laura Cavert, Portfolio Manager, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Unit, Department for Sustainable and Inclusive Economy, Expertise France
- Katja Kammerer, Head of Client Liaison, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Michael Glück, Programme Director, Qudra 2 programme

The discussion will be moderated by **Alexei Jones**, Head of European Foreign and Development Policy at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM).

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