Reaching out to grassroots and community-based CSOs Good practices from a collaborative process on Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)

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"The term 'out of the box' is getting stale. So my team came up with some fresh alternatives."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES

DG NEAR Online Collaborative Process with Implementing Partners

2nd Meeting – Online World Café Introduction of the Online World Café Style Methodology World Café Virtual Breakout Rooms:

 Presentation of country case studies - Call and Selection Procedures, Refining the documents per topic: - Coaching /Capacity Building, - Working group 1 - Call and Selection Procedures - Monitoring and Reporting to the EU, Communicating Results. - Working group 2 - Coaching/Capacity Building - Working group 3 - Monitoring and Reporting to the EU, 🕒 2h 30m 🗖 ZOOM Communicating results Presentation of the outputs and feedback from workshop participants 2h 30m ZOOM October 16 🛑 October 26 🛱 October 19-23 **Online Collaborative Process** (part 1)

• All participants will have 5 working days to collaborate online and contribute to the documents. · Google docs will be used to allow for a more user-friendly collaborative process.

Google Docs

3rd Meeting -**Online Working Groups**

Outcome: collection of best practices on financial support to third parties for publication by DG NEAR.

Online Collaborative

Process (part 2)

2-pages document will be produced

per group summing up the main

reflections / lessons learnt on each topic,

to collaborate online and contribute

to the documents.

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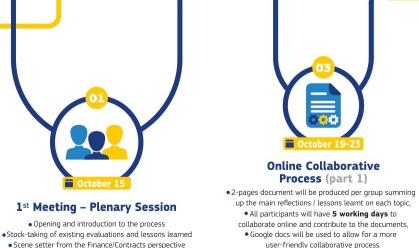
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15 October > 3 November 2020

DG NEAR's Centre of Thematic Expertise for Civil Society Support will organise an online collaborative process, bringing together implementing partners from all NEAR regions (Western Balkans and Turkey, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood) to allow for a peer-to-peer learning and exchange of different practices and experiences, and to co-create a collection of good practices on FSTP (Financial Support to Third Parties).



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Outcome Document: A Collection of Good Practices of FSTP in Neighbourhood and Enlargement Countries

- A record/inventory of the variety of existing approaches, experiences and lessons learnt
- Legal references
- Checklists
- Templates
- No toolkit/manual!



Lessons learnt: Top 3

- Thorough description of the FSTP aspects in the application/DoA
- Guidelines/information sessions to specify important elements to address in the DoA
- Requests for clarifications can help fill gaps

Lessons learnt: Call Procedures

- A combination of open and closed calls
- Use of local languages
- Flexibility for applications in difficult environments
- The call as capacity development tool

Lessons learnt: Evaluation/Selection Procedures

- Independent vs. collective evaluation by evaluation committee
- Presence of applicants during evaluation
- Background checks
- Feedback to non-selected applicants

Lessons learnt: Capacity Development

- Long-term: Continuous approach prior, during and after financing
- Local ownership/participatory planning of CD
- Capacity Assessment Tools/Measuring impact

Lessons learnt: Monitoring & Reporting

- Monitoring & reporting as part of project design: collect information on impact, aggregate qualitative data
- Participatory monitoring
- Input-based versus output-based financial reporting
- Trust

Lessons learnt: Communication & Visibility

- Training/Guidelines for FSTP beneficiaries
- Creative communication tools
- Derogations for difficult environments



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