



GLOBAL EUROPE PROGRAMMING

A brief introduction to DG INTPA & DG NEAR
programming documents



Introduction

The Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) | Global Europe

For this EU budget cycle, known as the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027, the European Commission proposed to simplify and streamline EU international cooperation, crisis response and peace-building actions with partner countries with a single financial instrument for international cooperation: “The Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)” – also known as ‘Global Europe’.

Programming

With the broad framework in place, DG INTPA & DG NEAR have gone through a process of agreeing on how the money will be spent - priorities, amounts etc., DG INTPA/NEAR are now releasing their programme plans for their geographic programming (specific countries) and thematic programming (like peace and security or civil society programming).

EU-CORD Engagement

We engage as a network in the CONCORD working group which follows the Global Europe Instrument. Ruth (Secretariat) contributed to the Global Europe Handbook and Sopeat (Tear NL) follows aspects relating to the Team Europe Initiatives and the programming process.

Acronyms and Terminology

- DG INTPA – Directorate General International Partnerships
- DG NEAR – Directorate General Neighbourhood & Enlargement
- Multi Annual Indicative Programme, MIP
- Multi Annual Action Programme, MAP
- Annual Action Plan, AAP
- Team Europe Initiative, TEI
- Thematic Programmes
- Geographic Programmes

Where to find the programming documents

[Global Europe - Programming | International Partnerships \(europa.eu\)](#)

The Multi-annual Indicative Programme

Document Structure - Geographic MIP

- Country or region
- Timeframe, 2021-2027, current period of the multi annual finance framework
- Overall lines of the EU international cooperation in the partner country
 - Basis for programming
 - background
 - key achievements, projects - sectors
 - what this MIP aligns with
 - strategic focus
 - Status of joint programming
 - Member States
 - Civil society consultation
 - Priority areas of EU's cooperation
 - Priorities
 - Justification

- Duration of the MIP
- Team Europe Initiatives
 - Civil society engagement and participation
 - Specific objectives related to the priority areas
 - Expected results per objective
 - Indicators
- Support measures
 - Measures in favour of civil society
- Financial Overview
 - Total
 - Breakdown by priority area
- Intervention Framework
 - Objective, results, indicators, baseline & targets
- Donor matrix

Document Structure - Thematic MIP

- Summary
- Overall Context
 - Overall external goals and priorities of the EU
 - Problems and challenges
- Overall EU Strategy
 - Introduction, overall EU strategy and priorities with regard to civil society
 - Achievements and lessons learned
 - Guiding principles for the thematic programme
 - Complementarity to Geographic Programmes and Instruments
- Priorities selected for financing by the EU
 - Objectives and priorities
 - Overarching considerations
- Financial overview
- Template for intervention framework

How to read the programming document



STEP 1:

Read Section 1:
background,
EU's history and
priorities



STEP 2:

Read the Intervention
Framework: priority
areas, objectives,
results, indicators



STEP 3:

Read Section 2:
Intervention
Framework
Narrative

Making use of this information for your own planning

Organisational

Are you properly registered in OPSYS to receive DG INTPA/NEAR funding?

How aligned are you in terms of your own programming to be positioned to access funds?

- More nuanced thematic approach?
- Target population?
- Value-add elements?

How do you support the field offices to use this document effectively to access for EU funding?

Partnerships

Do you have the right partnerships lined up?

- Local actors - CSO, government, networks
- International actors
- Private sector

How can you already hold conversations to build joint approaches?

Are there new partnerships that you need to develop to respond to the EU's programme priorities?

Tearfund Netherlands Case Study

'Building our story to align with the donors'

Tearfund Netherlands are implementing a strategic approach to review donor programming documents and funding opportunities. They want to be pro-active in targeting potential funding opportunities rather than waiting to respond until the call comes out.

Finding the documents. Headquarters role is to identify what information is most relevant to country teams and then to share links or programming documents.

Reading the documents. Documents, just as the MIP or MAAP can be long and difficult to read. HQ will offer guidance to teams on the best way to read them (and it's not always to start at the beginning).

Meeting with the Country Team. The next step is to schedule a meeting with the Country Team to discuss the document: reviewing together the priorities, objectives, funding information and discussing potential opportunities.

Alignment and Decision Point. The Country Team makes the final call as to whether or not there are potential synergies between the programming documents and their Country Strategy. If yes, then it's included in the longer-term funding strategy.

Sharing our story. We then 'build our story' identifying good products and taking the opportunity to present our story to the donor - showing how our story aligns with theirs. Building relationships and getting ourselves recognised as a viable actor with regards that thematic and priority.

Wait and apply. Depending on the nature of the funding opportunity we continue to dialogue with the donor or wait for the call for proposals to be released.

Useful Links

CONCORD Guide to the Global Europe Instrument, French, English & Spanish / [Guide to Global Europe Funding 2021-2027: For civil society organisations - CONCORD \(concordeurope.org\)](#)

You and potential partners need to be properly registered in **OPSYS** if you want to receive funds / [Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal - EXACT External Wiki - EN - EC Public Wiki \(europa.eu\)](#)

Calls for Proposal and Tenders / [Online Services - Online Services - Programmes de coopération extérieure - Commission européenne \(europa.eu\)](#)

Grant rules are found in the **PRAG**, [ePRAG - EXACT External Wiki - EN - EC Public Wiki \(europa.eu\)](#) and interpreted for DG INTPA in the **companion** / [eCompanion - EXACT External Wiki - EN - EC Public Wiki \(europa.eu\)](#)

Multi-Annual Indicative Programme (MIP) can be downloaded via this link: [Documents library | International Partnerships \(europa.eu\)](#)

Annual Action Plan (AAP) or **Multi Annual Action Plan (MAAP)** per country can be downloaded via this link: [Documents library | International Partnerships \(europa.eu\)](#)

Team Europe Initiatives : Questions and Insights about TEI can be downloaded via this link: [Team Europe Initiatives: first insights and questions to Member States' agencies - CONCORD \(concordeurope.org\)](#)