

PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK CEO SUMMIT

DECLARATION ON JOINT IMPLEMENTATION

PREAMBLE

The Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation was established on 23 February 2007 to foster coordination and harmonisation between European national organisations, and with the European Commission, to strengthen their cooperation, partnership and complementarity. It contributes to coherence within the field of development cooperation;

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Having regard to the work undertaken by the Practitioners' Network on establishing a conducive environment for effective partnerships between Members of the Practitioners' Network and the European Commission in order to contribute to the strengthening of a European development cooperation system;

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Having regard to the High Level Meeting of the Practitioners' Network on 17 December 2014, where the Members, together with the European Commission highlighted the relevance of Joint Implementation to further enhance the effectiveness of European Development Cooperation;

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Having regard to the Council Conclusions of 12 May 2016, which identify Joint Programming as an effective tool to enhance EU coordination at country and sector level and call upon the Commission services and the EEAS to continue promoting EU and Member States financed joint implementation activities, as well as encouraging cooperation between Member States development actors in the framework of joint implementation;

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Recognising the universality of the SDGs within and beyond Europe, and conscious of the progress already made, the Practitioners' Network views the 2030 Agenda and the new European consensus as an opportunity to enhance the work performed together;

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The Practitioners' Network, represented by its CEOs, herewith responds to the political call to strengthen their cooperation, partnership and complementarity, including the fostering of joint implementation with the following declaration:

DECLARATION

We, the Practitioners' Network CEOs confirm our commitment to continue improving our collaboration to respond to the call of the European Union and its Member States enhance our coordination and harmonisation, including within the framework of joint implementation;

We believe in the added value of combining European expertise to respond to common global and European challenges and imperatives in an efficient and effective manner, while providing impact at scale;

Members of the Practitioners' Network have already implemented programmes together, and with the European Commission, and thus gained substantial knowledge on the reality of jointly operating European development cooperation;

Members of the Practitioners' Network agree to a common understanding of the principles of Joint Implementation – including added-value, financial viability, cost-effectiveness, and will of relevant authorities - among Members in the framework of European development cooperation;

We, Members of the Practitioners' Network, commit ourselves, to work together with the European Commission, to elaborate a Joint Implementation framework and approach to substantively enhance our partnership at headquarter and country levels;

We believe that this partnership, based on trust and mutual recognition of competences, further paves the way for a joined up approach to aid implementation so as to contribute to achieving our common objectives, in particular the commitments for effective development cooperation;

We commit to investigate widening the scope of our mutual recognition of systems, including respective rules and procedures, to facilitate joint implementation efforts;

Considering our joint ambition, we hereby invite the European Institutions to further collaborate with the Practitioners' Network to foster the enabling environment for joint implementation, and so address effectively our common challenges and objectives;

We confirm the mandate of the Practitioners' Network to support joint implementation in line with Member States political authorities and in cooperation with the EU;

We look forward to continuing the constructive dialogue with the European Commission on how to carry forward the political commitment expressed in the Council Conclusions, to improve the effectiveness and visibility of European Development Cooperation including through joint implementation;



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We, as Members of the Practitioners' Network, will review the progress made at the next Annual General Assembly to be held in London in May 2017 and will invite our European Commission partners.