

EU Civil Society Contact Group

Building a value based EU budget for the future What role for NGOs?

Training session and conference program

24 January 2008
Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155
1040 Brussels

Training session "Why should NGOs bother about the EU budget? How can they engage?"

24 January 2008
9-12.30 hours
Residence Palace, Malbeek Room

- 08.30-09.00** Registration of participants
- 09.00-09.15** Welcoming by Regula Heggli, coordinator of the EU Civil Society Contact Group
- 09.15-10.15** **The case for peoples' involvement in budget discussions**
by Warren Krafchik, International Budget Project
- Including time for questions, exchange of ideas and experience between participants*
- 10.15-10.45** **ABC of the EU Budget**
by Jan Seifert, assistant MEP
- Including time for questions and discussion*
- 10.45-11.00** Coffee break
- 11.00-12.00** **Advocacy strategies for NGOs' budget work**
by Warren Krafchik, International Budget Project
- Including time for questions, exchange of ideas and experience between participants*
- 12.00-12.30** Closing

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Conference Building a value based EU budget for the future What role for NGOs?

24 January 2008
14 to 17.30 hours
Residence Palace, Polak Room

- 13.30-14.00** Registration of participants
- 14.00-14.10** Welcoming and introduction
by Fintan Farrell, chair of the Civil Society Contact Group
- 14.10-15.30** **Panel 1**
"Which priorities for the EU and how to reflect them in the EU budget?"
What should be the priorities for the EU? How can they better be reflected in the EU budget? Is growth and jobs the right agenda? What are visions for the EU beyond growth and jobs? What about social and sustainable development?
- Roshan Di Puppo, Director Social Platform
 - Nick Mabey, E3G Chief Executive
 - Eulalia Rubio, project leader on EU budget, Notre Europe
 - Konstantin Kreiser, Green 10
 - Helga Trüpel, European Parliament Budget Committee, Group of the Greens
- Chaired by Andre Wilkens, Civil Society Contact Group, HRDN
- During this panel comments and questions will be taken form the audience and in particular from NGOs.*
- 15.30-16.00** Coffee break
- 16.00-17.15** **Panel 2**
"How can NGOs work in solidarity to influence the future EU Budget?"
What are the lessons learned by NGOs from the financial perspective 2007-2013? What are the flaws of the current system? Is there enough space for NGO involvement in the budget negotiations? How could the negotiation process be improved? How can NGOs advocate for their vision?
- Vasco Cal, member of the cabinet of Commissioner Grybauskaitė
 - Kirsti Kolthoff, president European Women's Lobby EWL
 - Jack Thurston, farmsubsidy.org
 - Jorge Núñez Ferrer, Associate Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies
- Chaired by Simon Stocker, Civil Society Contact Group, CONCORD
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- 17.15-17.30** Myria Vassiliadou, Civil Society Contact Group, EWL