THE EUROPEAN UNION & Civil Society in Nepal: A consultation on future engagement

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28 MEMBER STATES WITH OVER 500 MILLION CITIZENS
THE EU: VALUES & GOALS

History taught us an important lesson:

Let’s cooperate!

- Peace, Stability, Prosperity
- Democracy, Diversity, Development
EU MAIN INSTITUTIONS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
→ representing the common EU interest

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
→ representing national governments

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
→ representing the people of Europe
THE EU IN THE WORLD

An important global player:

• a major trading power, accounting for about a fifth of global trade and a quarter of the world's economic product

• the biggest international donor contributing more than half of the global Development Assistance in 2013.

• Euro has emerged as a strong international reserve currency
The EU in Nepal

EU Delegation to Nepal since 2009. Cooperation with Nepal since the early seventies.

5 EU Member States Embassies in Nepal: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany and United Kingdom. Netherlands also present. In addition, close coordination with Norway and Switzerland.
The EU in Nepal: How do we engage?

- **Peace Process & Democracy:**
  - EU & EU MS among the major supporters to Nepal's transition process, e.g. NPTF, elections

- **Trade and Investment:**
  - EU is second biggest market for Nepal's exports.

- **Tourism:**
  - Every fifth tourist visiting Nepal in 2012 came from the EU

- **Development Cooperation:**
  - EU & EU MS collectively biggest ODA provider to Nepal
Development Cooperation: Forms of Engagement

- **Work with Government of Nepal**
  - steers the development process

- **Work with the Private Sector**
  - driver for growth and jobs

- **Work with Civil Society**
  - "watchdog" and defender of rights
Engagement with CSO: Why this consultation?

- Your views count:
  - Enabling Environment for CSO
  - Capacity Development for CSO
  - Inclusion of CSO

- Joint process with EU MS

- Structure future engagement: "Roadmap".
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Global Call for Proposals:
Centralised, managed by the EuropeAid HQ
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Local Call for Proposals:
Managed by the EU Delegation
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