

European NGO confederation
for relief and development

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d'urgence et de développement

Concord is the European confederation of Relief and Development NGOs, representing over 2,600 NGOs across the European Union

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Role of CONCORD EUROPE

- **Build resilience of our members by creating strong network.**
 - ✓ **Facilitating learning and exchange spaces.**
 - ✓ **Coordinating common advocacy actions towards the EU Institutions and the national Governments.**
 - ✓ **Representing our members at EU and Global level.**
 - ✓ **Building alliances with other sectors and actors from EU and other regions.**

CONCORD's interlocutors

- **European Commission:** General Directions as such as DevCo, Climate, Agriculture, Budget, Trade etc., Commissioner and their Cabinets (most importantly Development Commissioner Mimica).
- **EU Council:** Permanent Representations, CoDev working group, Foreign Affairs Council, Informal Development Cooperation Ministers Meeting, national government representatives (done by CONCORD's national platforms)
- **EU Parliament:** Committees (DEVE, Human Rights etc.) and their Secretariats, individual MEPs
- **EU External Action Service (EEAS):** High Representative and her Cabinet, EU delegations in third countries.

How does CONCORD work?

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 per Year
All members (at least one per member)
100 participants

BOARD

9 members + President
Elected for 3 years

PRESIDENT

Johannes Trimmel
Austrian National Platform

SECRETARIAT

Seamus Jeffreson
Director

Operational bodies

Working structures are at the core of the organisation of CONCORD. They convene experts from CONCORD members. Their main charge is to analyse and follow up European policies.

The General Assembly takes formal decisions such as approval of the annual budget and the annual report on accounts, acceptance of new members, etc.

The Board bears the overall responsibility for the functioning of the whole structure. It make sure that priority issues are dealt with by the secretariat and that advocacy positions have the endorsement of the members.

The Secretariat focuses on the priority issues. It follows the work of the Working groups and ensure communication in a comprehensive manner to the broad membership.

The projects **Trialog** increases the capacity of European NGOs in the enlarged EU and in accession countries. **DEEEP** raises awareness on Development Education. **BEYOND 2015** is a global civil society campaign, pushing for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals. **EYD European Year for Development 2015 project** – manages the civil society alliance involved in the EYD 2015 in close contact with the European Commission and other institutional actors

Working groups - 10

- **Aidwatch** - monitoring and advocating on the quality and the quantity of ODA
- **Cotonou Working Group** - pushes for the translation of the Cotonou Agreement into actions that advance poverty eradication in the ACP countries
- **CSO Development Effectiveness** - CSOs' own effectiveness, roles and identity of NGOs in development and the environment that is needed to allow CSOs to realise their full potential in development
- **Enlargement, Pre-accession and Neighborhood (EPAN)**: monitors implementation of the European Enlargement and Neighbourhood policies and associated instruments
- **European Food Security Group** – promotes dialogue on food security, nutrition and other EU policies that affect directly or indirectly food security in developing countries
- **Funding for Development and Relief (FDR) Working Group** - NGO funding policies and priorities, on the allocation of funds to these priorities and on the European funding process and organisation
- **Gender Working Group** – strengthens gender & development awareness and advocacy work within CONCORD and at EU level
- **Migration & Development group** - shares analysis on migration and development issues and coordinate members' initiatives in this field at the EU level
- **Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) Coordination Group** - promotes policy coherence for development in all the EU and national policies
- **Development Awareness Raising and Education (DARE) Forum** – increases the impact of and support for Development Education and Awareness Raising activities in Europe

Task Forces -7

- **HRBA Task Force** - promotes exchange of experience, raise awareness, increase understanding, expertise and capacity on the human rights-based approach to development within the CONCORD constituency
- **Raw Material Task Force** – focuses on the EU Raw Materials Initiative (RMI) and other EU policies that are related with the governance of natural resources
- **Private sector task force** - exchanges knowledge and experience of CONCORD members on the private sector in development and influences institutional policy development
- **Beyond 2015 European Task Force** - engages with CSO partners to develop a European civil society position, influences the EU position, represents EU CSO positions on the Post-2015 Agenda
- **Climate Change and Development Task Force** – Focuses on financing adaptation to Climate change, climate Justice, adaptation and mitigation, low carbon development.
- **Financing for Development Task Force** - develop joint positions around FfD – which will be crucial to implement the post 2015 agenda.
- **Trade reference group** - promotes an EU trade agenda that is coherent with the overall objectives of EU development policy and contributes to the achievement of the MDGs.

CONCORD > THE NEXT 7 YEARS

EUROPE

DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP
PANEUROPEAN
COMMON PURPOSE

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

VISION A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ENJOY THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE OF POVERTY AND EXPLOITATION AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO ENJOY WELLBEING AND EQUALITY.

THE FOUNDATIONS

MIDTERM REVIEW

WORKSHOP

POLITICAL NARRATIVE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

QUESTIONNAIRE



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDGs

FINANCE

€20 20

FAIR POLICIES

WE NEED ALLIANCES

THE EU'S OTHER POLICIES SHOULD NOT HARM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

THAT ARE EXPERTS IN SUCH POLICY FIELDS



OPEN GOVERNANCE

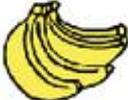
EXCHANGE AND WORKING SPACE

BROADENING NETWORK

OUR SECTOR IN TRANSITION

RIDE THE WAVE!

PRINCIPLES
PARTICIPATION
PRACTICING WHAT WE PREACH
SUSTAINABILITY
GENDER EQUALITY
HUMAN RIGHTS



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