



# **DG ECHO 2019 Annual Partners' Conference**

## **Review of the Framework Partnership Agreement**

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## **Framework Partnership Agreement**

- **What do we aim to achieve with the review?**
- **Where do we stand?**
- **Questions?**

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## Main objectives of the review

### Allow for:

**More strategic & flexible cooperation with key NGOs** (Programmatic Partnerships)

**Increased transparency and efficiency and delivering on global commitments** (Implementing Partners, assessment of applications)

**Increased funding predictability** (Multi-annual actions)

**Increased efficiency** (simplified procurement, result-based financing, simplified cost options)

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## Creation of Programmatic Partnerships

while keeping a standard FPA system for most of our partners.

- Ensuring a longer-term, more strategic & flexible relationship with some NGOs
- Selection criteria include meeting higher standards at ex-ante assessment stage
- Pilot phase

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## Increased transparency and efficiency and delivering on global commitments

**Strengthened transparency** while not putting into question the system of implementing partners (ECA report on 'transparency of NGO funding and of its utilisation')

Promotion of **localisation** as part of the Grand Bargain (local NGOs as IPs)

**Ex-ante assessment of FPA applications**

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## Increased funding predictability

Multi-annuality to be used in cases such as follow-up actions in protracted crises

=> additional funding available via streamlined procedures for follow-up actions

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## Increased efficiency through simplification

### Simplified procurement provisions

**Result-based financing & simplified costs** to be introduced as options in the FPA

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## Timeline

FPA extended until December 2020

Revised FPA to be signed as of mid-2020

Delay => the FPA revision is part of a larger revision exercise of contractual templates after the entry into force of the FR 2018 and IT developments impacting the whole Commission

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## Consultation

Inputs already provided via several consultations with VOICE FPA Task Force & Watch Group and ad-hoc meetings requested by some organisations.

Internal consultations also carried out but approval by other services to be formally sought when drafts finalised.

## Questions and comments?