

## Latvia-OECD seminar: Mainstreaming Cross-cutting Priorities in Development Co-operation

**24 November 2021 | Online**

Session 1&2 – 10.00 to 13.00 (Riga time) / 09.00 to 12.00 (Paris time)

Session 3 – 14.30 to 17.00 (Riga time) / 13.30 to 16.00 (Paris time)

Draft concept note

### Background

Since May 2020, Latvia and the OECD Unit on Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform of the Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD/FOR) have worked together on the implementation of a Roadmap of collaboration on development co-operation. In this framework, the OECD has participated in a webinar on strategic planning of development co-operation and Private Sector Engagement (PSE) organised by the Latvia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in May 2020. As per Latvia's request, a seminar was organised in November 2020 on development co-operation institutional architectures and the EU's system of delegated co-operation. In 2021, the collaboration is continuing on strategic areas of Latvia's interest, such as Private sector engagement in development co-operation and the mainstreaming of crosscutting priorities in development co-operation.

### Objective

The multi-dimensional nature of the SDGs requires cross-fertilisation and coherence across policy areas. Issues such as gender equality, climate change or digitalisation – to name only a few - are relevant to all aspects of development and need to be addressed horizontally across development co-operation policies and programmes. This implies that all development initiatives should have a positive effect on these broad and multi-dimensional aspects.

To do so, cross-cutting issues are made an integral dimension of the organisation's design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development policies and programmes. Yet, what does it mean concretely to integrate horizontal priorities in one's development co-operation system? How can donors make sure to avoid a 'checking the box' approach? What methodologies and tools can help assessing their effective integration?

Latvia adopted its 'Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines for 2021-2027' in April 2021. The renewed objectives of Latvia's development co-operation include among others the contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in developing countries by promoting sustainable development, the rule of law and good governance in partner countries. It will also aim to transfer Latvia's expertise on crosscutting topics such as climate and digitalisation.

Building on Latvia's interest in contributing to these ambitious and horizontal objectives, the seminar organised jointly by DCD/FOR and Latvia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs will facilitate an exchange on good practices and tools to mainstream key cross-cutting priorities in its development co-operation.

It will bring together expertise from the OECD, Latvia as well as other provider countries to benefit from their wealth of experiences and approaches.

## Connection details

[Registration available through this link.](#)

## Agenda

The timing in the agenda is in Riga time (EEST).

<b>Session 1. Transversal programming and reporting in development co-operation: a comprehensive overview</b>	
10.00-10.10	<p>Welcoming remarks - The importance of transversal programming and cross-fertilisation in development cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alise Balode</b>, Director for Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Ana Fernandes</b> – Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> </ul>
10.10-11.00	<p>Transversal programming for sustainable development: the overarching framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ernesto Soria Morales</b>, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, GOV, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Chantal Verger</b>, Head of Unit on Results, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Julia Benn</b>, Head of Statistical Standards and Methods Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A session</p>
<b>Session 2. Mainstreaming horizontal priorities: Gender equality and climate action</b>	
11.00-11.55	<p>Climate mainstreaming in development co-operation: tools and methods, including the Rio Markers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ola Göransson</b>, Senior Policy Analyst, Climate change and environment Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Giorgio Gualberti</b>, Statistical Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Sandra Wibmer</b>, Advisor Environment and Climate Action, Austrian Development Agency</li> <li>• <b>Jānis Brizga</b>, Head of the NGO “Green Liberty” (“Zaļā brīvība”), Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A session</p>
11:55-12:05	Break
12:05-13:00	Improving policies and practices to strengthen gender equality

	<p>and end sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (ESEAH) in development co-operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lisa Williams</b>, Senior Analyst and Team Lead, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Representative of Sweden (TBC)</b></li> <li>• <b>Iluta Lāce</b>, Head of the Association, Resource Centre for Women "MARTA", Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A session</p>
<p><b>Session 3. Mainstreaming horizontal priorities: Human rights &amp; digitalisation</b></p>	
14:30-15:00	<p>Setting the scene: civic space at the intersection of digitalisation and human rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marilyn Bachmann</b>, Policy Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate or <b>Krystel Montpetit</b>, Team Lead on Foresight, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> </ul>
15:00-15:50	<p>Mainstreaming digitalisation: a bridge to more inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ida McDonnel</b>, Senior Analyst and Team Lead Development Co-operation Report &amp; Data for Development, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Kadi Metsandi</b>, Director for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Miks Muižarājs</b>, Development Cooperation Expert, Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A session</p>
15.50-16.00	<p>Break</p>
16:00-16:50	<p>Democracy, civic space and human rights as cross-cutting priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jacqueline Wood</b>, Team lead on Civil Society, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Marc de Tollenaere</b>, Policy Analyst, Global Partnerships and Policy Division, Effective, Inclusive and Accountable Institutions, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Representative of Switzerland</b></li> <li>• <b>Inese Vaivare</b>, Director of the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS), Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Sara Giannotte</b>, Research Assistant at the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS), Latvia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A session</p>
16.50-17.00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alise Balode</b>, Director for Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia</li> <li>• <b>Ana Fernandes</b> – Head of Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</li> </ul>

## Key resources to be shared with the participants

- Presentations from the OECD and participants
- Comprehensive report following the seminar
- Report: [Mainstreaming on cross-cutting issues: 7 lessons from DAC Peer Reviews](#)
- Gender equality in development co-operation
  - [DAC Guidelines on gender equality](#)
  - Report : [From ambition to results: Delivering on gender equality in donor institutions](#)
  - Examples of [Gender equality strategies](#)
  - DAC [Recommendation on Ending Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance](#)
  - In practice (Sweden): [A feminist foreign policy to advance gender equality globally](#)
- Climate mainstreaming
  - Report: [Greening Development Co-operation : Lessons from the OECD Development Assistance Committee](#)
  - TIPS: [Mainstreaming Environment](#)
  - Handbook: [OECD DAC Rio Markers for Climate](#)
  - Report: [Aligning Development Co-operation and Climate Action. The Only Way Forward](#)
- Democracy, civic space and human rights
  - Policy Paper: [Digital transformation and the futures of civic space to 2030](#)
  - [DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance](#)
  - Report: [Development Assistance Committee Members and Civil Society](#)
  - Report: [A Governance Practitioner's Notebook: Alternative Ideas and Approaches](#)