

# 13. DG European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)

TOTAL

**74.1%**

SECTION A  
COMMITMENT TO  
AID TRANSPARENCY:  
**9.22/10**

SECTION B  
PUBLICATION  
ORGANISATION LEVEL:  
**24.00/25**

SECTION C  
PUBLICATION  
ACTIVITY LEVEL:  
**40.88/65**

## Overview

DG NEAR is responsible for helping countries to join the EU and for relations with neighbouring countries. DG NEAR manages the bulk of the EU's financial and technical assistance to these countries, often working together with the Europe's main development banks on investment projects in the region and also with pre-accession governments to whom it can delegate responsibility for managing EC cooperation activities.

## Achievements and progress

- DG NEAR has made significant progress since 2013 and is one of the biggest improvers increasing its score by 26%.
- It is the top ranking EC Directorate-General in the 2016 Index and remains in the 'good' category, increasing its score on the 2014 Index by 12.3%.
- DG NEAR has published four new indicators in the IATI Standard since the 2015 EU Aid Transparency Review including budget documents, conditions and impact appraisals.

## Challenges and room for improvement

- DG NEAR publishes information on evaluations and tenders, but not in the IATI Standard.
- Important indicators such as Memoranda of Understanding and the budget identifier are not published at all. Others such as contracts and results are published inconsistently.
- A number of indicators published to the IATI Registry score poorly on data quality tests, such as sub-national locations, budget documents, commitments, impact appraisals and conditions.

## Recommendations

- DG NEAR should improve its coverage and publish all available activity-related documents to the IATI Registry.
- It should require the implementation of the IATI Standard by all DFIs co-financing activities in the areas covered by its mandate.
- It should develop a strategy for internal and external use of its data with all relevant stakeholders, in particular among the EU's pre-accession and neighbourhood countries.

## Have they met the Busan commitment on aid transparency?

yes  partly  no

## National, regional or international commitments to aid transparency?

- 2011 EU Transparency Guarantee

## Donor Profile

2016 Index:  
**GOOD 74.1%**

2014 Index:  
**GOOD 61.8%**

2013 Index:  
**FAIR 48.1%**

First published to IATI:  
**JULY 2013**

<b>Frequency of publication</b>	Monthly
<b>Indicators published to IATI</b>	30/36
<b>Activity budgets</b>	IATI
<b>Total budget</b>	3 years – IATI
<b>Disaggregated budgets</b>	2 years – IATI

This table highlights the organisation's performance in providing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking aid data in a comparable and open format.

- Frequency of publication is measured by the IATI Dashboard.
- Comprehensiveness is measured against the indicators used in the Index at the organisation and activity levels and their publication in the open and comparable IATI Standard.
- Forward-looking budgets for the organisation and its development activities are measured by indicators 9, 10 and 33.