

14. DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO)

TOTAL

71.9%

SECTION A
COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:
9.19/10

SECTION B
PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:
22.65/25

SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
40.03/65

Overview

DG ECHO is responsible for formulating EC humanitarian aid policy and implementing the EU's humanitarian aid budget. It also coordinates the EU's disaster response mechanism. In March 2016, DG ECHO proposed a new Emergency Assistance Instrument to be used within the EU to support member states in hosting large number of refugees on their territories.

Achievements and progress

- DG ECHO is placed in the 'good' category for the first time, leapfrogging DG DEVCO in the process and graduating from the 'fair' category where it ranked in the 2014 Index.
- It has published three new indicators to the IATI Registry since the 2015 EU Aid Transparency Review including activity budgets and sub-national locations.
- DG ECHO now publishes to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis.
- DG ECHO publishes a full organisation file in the IATI Standard, which includes the publication of disaggregated forward-looking budgets for one year ahead.

Challenges and room for improvement

- The publication of activity-level information is a weak point for DG ECHO where information is available but not published to IATI – for example on evaluations, contracts, tenders and impact appraisals are all published but not to the IATI Registry.
- Other information items such as budget documents, results and conditions are not published at all.
- A number of indicators published to IATI score poorly on data quality tests such as sub-national locations, sectors and country strategies.

Recommendations

- DG ECHO should continue to set an example on humanitarian data transparency and begin publishing to IATI's new humanitarian fields in early 2017, increasing its frequency of publication to IATI to daily during fast on-set emergencies.
- It should promote aid transparency and IATI as a core component of good humanitarian practice at the World Humanitarian Summit and other international fora and among its implementing partners.
- DG ECHO should support the use of the EU's humanitarian data by ensuring that IATI data can automatically feed into the EU's EDRIS system.

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 71.9%

2014 Index:
FAIR 59.9%

2013 Index:
FAIR 54.2%

First published to IATI:
JULY 2013

Frequency of publication	Monthly
Indicators published to IATI	26/36
Activity budgets	IATI
Total budget	3 years – IATI
Disaggregated budgets	1 year – 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.