

15. DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid (DG DEVCO)

TOTAL

68.7%

SECTION A
COMMITMENT TO
AID TRANSPARENCY:
9.56/10

SECTION B
PUBLICATION
ORGANISATION LEVEL:
24.77/25

SECTION C
PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY LEVEL:
34.40/65

Overview

DG DEVCO is responsible for formulating the European Commission (EC) development policy and for implementing the European Union (EU) development cooperation worldwide. DG DEVCO manages a number of financing instruments, most notably the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) as well as EU cooperation with the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of states (ACP) through the 11th European Development Fund.

DG DEVCO convenes an internal EC working group on improving IATI publication.

Achievements and progress

- DG DEVCO remains in the ‘good’ category although it has fallen behind DGs NEAR and ECHO in the 2016 Index.
- It now publishes a full organisation file to the IATI Registry, which includes the publication of disaggregated forward-looking budgets for three years ahead.

Challenges and room for improvement

- While it made significant progress up to 2014, DG DEVCO’s performance appears to have stagnated with an increase of just 0.5% on its 2014 Index score.
- Important indicators such as Memoranda of Understanding, budget documents, the budget identifier and impact appraisals are not published at all. Objectives, contracts, results and conditions are published only sometimes.
- The quality of data on commitments has dropped significantly.

Recommendations

- DG DEVCO should revitalise efforts to improve the quality of its IATI publication so that it is comprehensive. It should include impact appraisals in particular and make results, contracts and conditions consistently available.
- It should ensure that any internal operating system is fully compatible with the IATI Standard and allows for automated and timely publication of data.
- It should develop a strategy for internal and external use of its data with all relevant stakeholders, in particular by partner countries and civil society organisations at country level.

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 68.7%

2014 Index:
GOOD 68.2%

2013 Index:
FAIR 52.1%

First published to IATI:
OCTOBER 2011

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