



## PLATFORMA FORUM

### Local and regional governance and multi-actor partnerships: What is at stake in Europe and in partner countries?

2-3 April 2012, Florence, Italy  
Cenacolo Santa Apollonia

#### Pre draft programme

Further to the structured dialogue initiated by the European Commission on the involvement of local/regional authorities and civil society in international cooperation, this Forum intends pursuing the reflection on partnerships between local/regional authorities and non state actors and their respective added-values in development. The Italian experience, and in particular the experience of the Tuscany region in managing local consultation groups, will feed in the discussions.

Building on a theoretical approach, the debates will then focus on multi-actor partnership models with the perspective from both European development stakeholders and local/regional authorities and civil society from partner countries. Concrete partnerships between towns or regions with NGO that among other have led to wider ownership by local communities, improved participatory governance at local level and wider access to basic services will be discussed. This debate on practices will inform the final discussion on the messages to draw and promote to the European institutions in this regard.

## 2 April 2012

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10h00 – 13h00 *Meeting for PLATFORMA members*

13h00-14h30 *Lunch for PLATFORMA members*

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**14h30-14h45** **Welcome of participants**

**14h45-15h00** **Opening of the Forum**

**15h00-16h15** **Session 1: Governing in territorial partnership – theoretical contribution to the discussion**

Chaired by : -

- The Italian framework for development cooperation (CESPI)
- Region/civil society partnership : example of the Tuscany Region
- Contribution at the global level

Questions and answers

**16h15-16h30** **Coffee break**

**16h30-18h**                    **Session 2: Development cooperation and partnership models for local/regional authorities and civil society in Europe**

Chaired by :

- Partnerships for social cohesion : example of a URBAL project
- Local consultation groups : Representative of a local/regional authorities managing a NSA-LA project on development education with NGOs
- Representative of a European NGO
- Representative of a foundation or of the private sector

Questions and answers

**20h00**                    **Dinner**

**3 April 2012**

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**10h00-11h15**            **Session 3: Governing in partnership: models in partner countries**

Chaired by :

- Mediterranean focus– Representative from the Mediterranean
- Representative from Latin America
- Representative from Africa

Questions and answers

**11h15-11h30**            **Coffee break**

**11h30-13h00**            **Session 4: What are the characteristics and lessons learnt from multi-actor partnerships? Following the structured dialogue with thorough reflection on complementarities between LRA and civil society, what messages should be promoted to the European institutions on such partnerships in European programmes?**

Chaired by :

- Representative of the Italian permanent representation to the EU or of the Danish presidency
- Representative of the European Commission
- One of the two spokesperson of PLATFORMA
- Representative of CONCORD, of the DARE Forum for instance

Questions and answers

**13h00-13h15**            **Concluding remarks, approval of the final declaration**

Presented by one of the two spokesperson of PLATFORMA

**13h15**                    **Closing of the Forum**

