

Helpdesk platform and support to New Member States (NMS) Non State Actors/Local Authorities in the Development sector

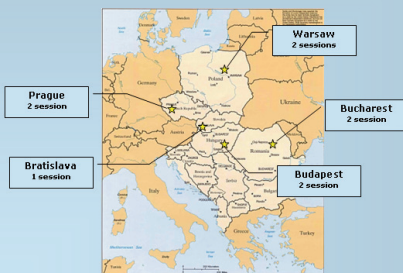
THE PROJECT

This project started on January 1st 2009 and shall run for two years. It is implemented by **punto.sud** (Italy) as leading organization; **People in Peril Association** (Slovakia), **Hungarian Baptist Aid** (Hungary), **APEL Service** (Romania), **FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Co-operation** (Czech Republic) as implementing partners; **Caritas Poland** and **Support to Life** (Turkey) as Associates. The project's purpose is to improve the access to information, methods and best practices on EuropeAid-grant contractual obli-

gations of Non-State Actors and Local Authorities of EU NMS, and help them strengthen and enlarge their international co-operation capacity.

Among the main activities that will be carried out is the creation of an open **website** dedicated to EuropeAid projects management; a **helpdesk** "day-to-day" and "ad hoc" **support** to organizations working with DG EuropeAid; **trainings** to be delivered in Eastern Europe to the benefit of development organisations' Headquarters and field staff.

Training sessions



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Training sessions on EuropeAid-funding modalities and project management: aimed at enhancing the existing capacity of the non-state actors and local authorities in NMS directly involved in EC development cooperation. Courses will be delivered in the countries of the partnership starting from October 2009.

A Helpdesk to provide day-to-day support to EuropeAid Partners' staff in Headquarters and in the field, replying to questions related to administrative, legal, financial and procedural aspects of managing EuropeAid-financed actions.

EuropeAid Partners can send their questions to the e-mail address helpdesk-europeaid@puntosud.org starting from July 1st 2009.

A website dedicated to EuropeAid funding modalities will contribute to the dissemination of information, promotion of self-learning and improvement of the implementation and management capacity of EC partners in development. <http://www.puntosud.org/helpdesk-europeaid/>



WHO CAN BENEFIT?

These services are to the benefit of the staff of non-state actors and local authorities of EU New Member States, both at Headquarters and field levels.

THE PARTNERSHIP



punto.sud is a foundation and project-support research group offering services worldwide in the field of humanitarian aid and development cooperation. Formed in 1999 in Milan, Italy, by a group of professional consultants with broad experience in project cycle management and training in project preparation, management and evaluation, punto.sud's main goal is to support and optimise the activities of organisations working in the field of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

punto.sud is the leading agency within the Partnership.



FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Co-operation - is a platform of Czech non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in development co-operation, development education and humanitarian assistance.



Hungarian Baptist Aid is one of the biggest NGOs in Hungary, implementing humanitarian assistance and development projects in a number of developing countries as well as development education projects within Europe.



APEL SERVICE is a non-profit civil society association established in Romania in 2001. The goal of the association is to contribute to the achievement of social inclusion and economic well-being of isolated groups living in risky situations.



People In Peril Association (PiPA) is a non-profit civil society association, established in Slovakia in 1999. Its mission is to provide effective support to those who suffer the consequences of natural catastrophes, conflicts and authoritarian regimes.

PROJECT'S ASSOCIATES



Support to Life (STL) is a Turkey-based humanitarian agency implementing projects from relief aid to development, promoting community participation.



Caritas Polska is active in fighting poverty and social inequality, both within the EU and beyond.

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