

Practical “Aid Watch” workshop for Czech, Slovak and Polish aid monitoring groups
Polish Green Network



WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Aid watch reports – intentions, methodology, writing and using the tool
International workshop – with continuation:)

Where/when: March, 18-19, Kraków, Poland

Working language: English

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Aid effectiveness is one of the key issues of the development cooperation. Many of us contribute to the CONCORD reports on EU ODA in European dimension every year. Many of us also work on national level having in mind that effectiveness of EU ODA is not only the matter of European Commission efforts, but also every member state performance.

Prepared workshop is aimed at supporting this work on national level by providing the very practical tips for ODA monitoring work and assistance in planning this year activities for Polish, Czech and Slovak aidwatchers. Useful methodology for the ODA reports writing, examples of good cooperation between NGOs and decision-makers and finally the possibility to establish national “coalitions” - all this will be within your range after the workshop.

Workshop will be conducted by 3 trainers from the “old” EU NGOs experienced in the issue. Trainers working on effectiveness of ODA (f.i. in Belgium) will show the methodology of the work on national level. But the workshop will also provide informations helpful in referring to the positive aspects of the EU Development Policy. The structure and priorities of the workshop are outlined in the following agenda.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please send attached registration form no later than **21 February** to Dominik Paszkiewicz via email: dominik@globalnepoludnie.pl

We can provide the reimbursement of travel by train and full accommodation costs for 22 people from Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia. Accommodation for one night before and after the workshop (17/18th and 19/20th March) provided.

Proposed agenda:

18th March (Tuesday)

10.00 – 10.30	Registration, welcome coffee
Most frequently asked questions on ODA	
Goal: to establish common ground for effective monitoring of ODA, to know better possibilities of cooperation	
10.30 – 12.30	Effective public supervision over national development assistance - technical know-how for aidwatchers .(OECD DAC rules for ODA, access to information – national level, OECD, EU; specific nature of the NMS ODA);
12.30 – 12.45	Coffee break
12.45 – 14.15	Monitoring ODA in “old” EU countries – good practices, successes and challenges (possibly Belgium, France);
14.15 – 15.15	Lunch
National development policies links to EU Development Policy	
Goal: to find important EU issues to raise on national level and also use them to strengthen the actions for better effectiveness of ODA	
15.15 – 16.45	Impact of EU Development Policy on national ODA – how to use it to make the national aid more effective?
16.45 – 17.00	Coffee break
17.00 – 18.00	CONCORD reports 2006, 2007 – how it was used in advocacy on EU level, desired contribution from NMS.
18.00	Supper

19th March (Wednesday)

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast/check out
Report on ODA as an effective tool	
Goal: to work out the methodology useful for monitoring and work with the report	
9.00 – 10.30	Working session
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 – 13.00	Working session
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Questions and answers, evaluation and close

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