Roundtable on the Evaluation of Projects Financed Under AENEAS and Thematic Programme for Migration and Asylum in the area of "Migration & Development": Key Findings and the Way Forward

October 27, 2014

Thon Hotel, Brussels

The roundtable aims to present the findings and the operational recommendations of the study to the key stakeholders concerned with Migration and Development within the framework of external assistance. The purpose is to outline the strengths and weaknesses of the actions supported so far, to identify areas for improvement and to guide the relevant decision-makers to better design future actions.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30-9:40 INTRODUCTION

Mrs Camilla Hagström, DG DEVCO, B3

9:45-10:00 SUMMARY OF EVALUATION REPORT

Ms. Elisabeth Picard, Independent Expert Ms. Raffaella Greco, Independent Expert

10:00-12:30 Session 1

Chair: Ms.Camilla Hagström, DG DEVCO, B3

10:00-10:30 Policy dialogue, policy design, policy formulation

Key findings related to this sub-category: examples from projects

Mrs. Elisabeth Picard, Independent Expert Mrs. Raffaella Greco, Independent Expert

- To which extent have AENEAS and TPMA-funded projects contributed to produce reliable and useful data and research results, which have been used as references for policymaking?
- How far have dialogue processes initiated under AENEAS and TPMA actually influenced/informed national policies on migration and development in third countries?

10:30-11:00 Diaspora contribution to development

Key findings related to this sub-category: examples from projects Mrs Elisabeth Picard, Independent Expert

Mrs Raffaella Greco, Independent Expert

- To which extent have the strategies supported by AENEAS and TPMA actually strengthened the links between migrant communities in Europe and migrant communities in countries of origin? Have they actually promoted links between diaspora members/networks and institutions in countries of origin?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and TMPA supported the capacity building of diaspora associations/networks in host countries?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and TPMA supported the establishment of conditions/procedures to set up SMEs by diaspora members/associations/ networks in their countries of origin?

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11.15-11:45 Links between migration and remittances flows

- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and the TPMA contributed to promoting efficient, secure and low cost remittance transfers and how far have these projects allowed the commitments taken by the EU in respect to remittances to be fulfilled?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and TPMA resulted in the improvement of the capacity of remittance recipients to make an effective use of this income and in an increase of the benefits generated by these moneys for the migrants' households and communities?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and TPMA contributed to maximizing the use of remittance funds for longer term development purposes?

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Debate and Q&A

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12:30-14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00-16:15

SESSION 2

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14:00-14:30

Skills development and brain circulation

Key findings related to this sub-category: examples from projects Mrs Elisabeth Picard, Independent Expert Mrs Raffaella Greco, Independent Expert

- What was the specific contribution of the relevant AENEAS and TPMA projects and programmes towards the improvement of the circulation of health professionals for the benefit of both countries of origin and of destination?
- How far have the third countries, which have benefited from relevant AENEAS and TPMA projects used them to reduce the risk of brain drain and, more generally, to optimize the management of their qualified workforce?
- To which extent have the relevant AENEAS and TPMA projects promoted the principle of ethical provision and recruitment of qualified workforce?

14:30-14:45

Coffee Break

14:45-15:15

Return and reintegration

- To what extent have the relevant AENEAS and TPMA funded-projects led to a sustainable and effective reintegration of voluntary returned migrants in their countries/ communities of origin?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded by AENEAS and TPMA had an impact on the development of the communities of voluntary returned and reintegrated migrants in their countries of origin?
- How far have the relevant AENEAS and TPMA projects managed to build the capacity of third countries experts for efficiently and effectively dealing with migrants' return and integration issues?

15:00-15:45

Social consequences of migration for countries of origin

Key findings related to this sub-category: examples from projects Mrs Elisabeth Picard, Independent Expert Mrs Raffaella Greco, Independent Expert

- To what extent have the relevant projects funded under AENEAS and the TPMA contributed to alleviating the negative social consequences of migration at the level of the migrants' households and of the migrants' communities? What were the results of these projects for the most vulnerable categories of people left behind?
- To which extent have the relevant projects funded under ANEAS and the TPMA been instrumental in encouraging national and local authorities of the migrants' countries of origin to plan and / or adopt social cohesion policies and measures likely to mitigate negative effects of migration on their vulnerable population?

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16:15-17:00

CONCLUSIONS

Mrs Helene Bourgade DG DEVCO,B3 (tbc)