



Strengthening development effectiveness at the subnational level to achieve the SDGs

Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC)
Action Area 2.6 of the 2020-2022 work programme

Main promoters

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the Organisation of United Regions (ORU-Fogar), representing the local/regional constituencies at GPEDCs' Steering Committee

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP-Art Initiative)

The Swiss co-presidency of the GPEDC



Cities and regions face critical challenges, many of them being global concerns with a strong local impact.

Urban and regional development remain, however, **underfunded** in official ODA statistics

Different development actors are finding ways to invest in cities in partner countries: IOGs, philanthropies, IFIs... plus city to city cooperation, among many others



of the 169 SD targets

will not be reached without proper engagement of, and co-ordination with, local and regional governments



1.880 M\$

or 1.3% of bilateral ODA channeled directly to cities and regions in developing countries

Conventional challenges to development cooperation effectiveness

- Ownership
- Harmonization
- In-country coordination
- Monitoring results
- Mutual accountability

The Action Area intends to **approach** these conventional challenges to development effectively in a new way

- **Promoting partnerships and creating new dynamics among key development agents** in local development, and to set the basis for these dynamics to become more standard practice in future plans and interventions. Creating **incentives** that resonate with their different mandates, priorities and intervention logics
- Leveraging and connecting the **agendas of Effective and Sustainable Development: Ownership** through focus on SDG target 17.9 Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the Sustainable Development Goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation

- Learning and upscaling effective practice identified in the initiative, and turning it into **methodology and policy orientation** and, if possible, into **standards and norms**, using the combined OECD – UN leverage
- Organising a **community of researchers and practitioners**, involved in project design and providing continuous guidance, monitoring and evaluation. Filling the knowledge-practice gap

Project Components

Research, monitoring and evaluation component providing guidance, mapping initiatives, and elaborating robust conclusions

Collaborative practitioners' network, engaging in regular discussions

Country pilot projects, involving different levels of government

Communication and advocacy, including policy notes or statements and specific and targeted policy recommendations





The **Global Partnership for Effective Development cooperation (GPEDC)** occupies a central position to monitor the preferences of these varied development agents; is legitimised to represent the common interest; and its mission is to harmonise their actions so that all financing has the best possible impact in development partners.

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