Policy Coherence for Development (PCD; CPD in both Catalan and Spanish) was identified two decades ago by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as an essential component in achieving effective results in sustainable development. It is also seen as an approach and policy tool for integrating the economic, social, environmental and governance dimensions of sustainable development at all stages of domestic and international policymaking, and contributes to global governance.

The importance of PCD in international cooperation and public policy design has grown, propelled by the debate about the preoccupation with measuring efficiency in terms of results in developing countries. This results-focused approach means analysing holistically the impact of external action and the set of institutional policies at multiple levels by including multiple actors. Commitment to PCD has become a core part of both the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 17 specifically focuses on strengthening alliances). Therefore, it is both a challenge and an obligation for institutions committed to the Agenda to effectively adopt the implementation of this principle in a way that contributes to achieving the commitments made.

The seminar is aimed at professionals from the public administrations involved in policies with an impact on developing countries. The objective is to compare and analyse practical cases in European countries and institutions that have been pioneers in the incorporation of PCD. It is hoped that this will promote the adoption of PCD measures by Catalan decision-makers, improve the knowledge about the challenges involved, identify the necessary normative and institutional instruments and stimulate a public debate with public and private actors.

The seminar will be structured in four parts: in the first, speakers will briefly set out the PCD situation in their own countries/institutions. Then, three round tables will analyse in depth the aspects of effective PCD incorporation into public policies in accordance with OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) classification to identify best practices at every level: primarily we will analyse diagnostic exercises and legislations developed by different actors; secondly we will study implemented public policies and the institutional mechanisms meant to guarantee effectiveness, and finally we will explore monitoring, evaluation and accountability mechanisms.
09.00 Welcome
Manel Vila, Director General for Development Cooperation, Government of Catalonia
Antoni Segura, President, CIDOB

09.15 INAUGURAL CONFERENCE: PCD evolution, from theory to practice
James Mackie, Senior Adviser EU Development Policy, ECDPM

10.00 General perspective on PCD in each institution
Moderator: David Llistar, Director, Global Justice and International Cooperation Department, Barcelona City Council
Gaspar Frontini, Head of SDGs, Policy and Coherence Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission
Ebba Dohlman, Head of the PCD Unit, OECD
Eva del Hoyo, Senior Advisor, Spanish General Secretariat for International Cooperation for Development
Armand Rioust de Largentaye, Advisor to the Strategy Department, French Development Agency (AFD)
Tim Bogaert, Responsible for Agenda 2030, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
Paul Ortega, Director, Basque Agency for Development Cooperation

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 PCD diagnosis and legal framework
Moderator: Javier Pérez, researcher and Director of CIECODE-Fundación Salvador Soler
Gaspar Frontini, head of SDGs, Policy and Coherence Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission
Paul Ortega, Director of the Basque Agency for Development Cooperation
Lewis Ryder-Jones, Policy Officer in Scotland’s International Development Alliance

13.00 PCD implementation
Moderator: Iliana Olivié, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano; Lecturer, Complutense University of Madrid
Eva del Hoyo, Senior Advisor, Spanish General Secretariat for International Cooperation for Development
Armand Rioust de Largentaye, Advisor to the Strategy Department, French Development Agency (AFD)
Tim Bogaert, Responsible for Agenda 2030, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

14.30 Lunch

15.15 PCD monitoring and control
Moderator: Natalia Millán Acevedo, Senior Analyst, Spanish Network of Development Studies (REEDES)
Ebba Dohlman, Head of the PCD Unit, OECD
Tom Lodge, Professor, Foreign Aid and Development, University of Limerick
Lonne Poissonnier, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, CONCORD

16.45 Conclusions and proposals
Anna Ayuso, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB

17.00 Close

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