

The European Consensus on Development, adopted by all EU Institutions on 7 June 2017, constitutes a cornerstone of EU development policy meant to define a new common framework for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by the EU and its Member States. The Consensus will certainly create new opportunities, but might also pose challenges. CONCORD has a role to play in maximising the positive contribution of the Consensus on development. This is what CONCORD did during the process, how it influenced the final document thanks to its coordinating role, and what the next steps will be.

May-Nov. 2016

EU Commission First Proposal

Participation in **EU Commission online consultation**

Informal **meetings** with
European Council, Parliament and Member States

✓ Influence first proposal 

✓ Relationships with **key contacts**

Dec. 2016 - Feb. 2017

EU Council Presidency

In-depth analysis

Formal meeting with S. Manservigi, DG DEVCO, and invitation to
speak at EU Council Working Party on Development Cooperation
(CODEV)

Collaboration with the European Parliament
Collecting and sharing information; Coordinating CSOs

✓ Outline **CSO red-lines** 

 6 February 2017
Influence and improvements in text: role of CSO in development,
gender, women's rights, youth, social dialogue

✓ Influence the Parliament's position

✓ Position as **leading voice** vis-à-vis EU Institutions and Member States

Feb. - May 2017

Inter-institutional Negotiations

Coordination of reactions and updating position

Encourage advocacy at national level

✓ Additional **improvements:** the role of CSOs, small scale farmers

19 May 2017

Adoption by EU Foreign Affairs Council

 **Flagship Media Pieces:**

- "New Consensus' on Development adopted – and immediately condemned," based on our Press Release, Euractiv, 19 May 2017
- "EU's 'New Consensus on Development' puts migration control centre-stage," by Johannes Trimmel, Euractiv, 28 April 2017

7-8 June 2017

Official Adoption at EDD17 Opening

Laura Sullivan **represents CONCORD Europe in Closing Ceremony**

“*Not only is civil society a key actor in maintaining the balance of power in a democracy, it also pushes major political achievements: where would we be with the SDGs had civil society not actively engaged in their making?*”

Next Steps

How does the Consensus fit in the bigger picture?

The Consensus is only part of a much bigger set of development and other policies (ex. MFF) and can be used to influence higher level political concerns (ex. migration and security).

⊕ Work on positive aspects of the Consensus and ensure that there is sufficient financial support for the positive aspects

⊕ Develop new proposals on horizontal issues: leaving no one behind, mainstream inequality in development cooperation

⊕ Use Consensus in Africa-EU Summit and Cotonou negotiations and develop strategy to use Consensus to influence EU Institutions and Member States