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SLOGA and CONCORD are inviting you to participate in the international conference

“Official development assistance (ODA) – QUO VADIS”

Date	14 October 2021 from 9.30 to 15.30 CET
Format	Hybrid / Online
Languages	English (first and second panel) and Slovenian (third panel) (translation provided)

Conference description

Slovenia has a unique opportunity to contribute to the creation of an open, fair and sustainable Europe in the world during its six months' Presidency of the EU Council. To this end the Slovenian NGDO platform SLOGA and CONCORD will be organizing a conference about the future of EU and Slovenian official development assistance (ODA) in the coming years. The focus of the conference will be on the EU ODA quantity and quality as well as reaching ODA commitments for the implementation of Agenda 2030. The conference will be comprised of three panels:

Panel A: Launch of the CONCORD Aidwatch report

As a CONCORD flagship report, AidWatch (AW) monitors annually the quantity and quality of the EU and its Member States ODA. AidWatch 2021 report will also be launched in Slovenia, aiming at focusing on the role of the EU Member States in poverty and inequalities reduction worldwide. The 2021 report is the opportunity to analyse the ODA levels of EU donors in 2020 (4 'E's). With more evidence and data, the report assesses the actual impact of COVID-19 on EU ODA in 2020, both in terms of quantity and quality. As part of the “Effective ODA” section (4 'E's), Team Europe approach is examined from a CSOs perspective. The 2021 AidWatch represents also an opening to evaluate the final outcome of the EU MFF committed to the external action, reached at the end of 2020.



Panel B: State of play of development financing in the South East European region

The future of ODA depends on the implementation of ODA commitments and inclusive partnerships among various development stakeholders. Global Europe/NDICI provides a new framework and opportunities for the full implementation of development finance principles and ODA commitments. The panel will provide an insight into the current regional and national challenges in the Central and Eastern European Member States and EU partner countries related to development financing and ODA implementation.

A new issue of Slogopis, a periodical development journal on development issues and global challenges, with development finance as cover topic will be launched during the panel.

Panel C: Slovenian roadmap to reach 0,33% of GNI for ODA

The Government of Slovenia has prepared a draft ODA action plan to reach 0,33% of GNI by 2030. ODA should be seen as a tool of national foreign policy, engaging various relevant stakeholders involved in bilateral ODA such as NGOs, Governmental agencies, business as well as technical assistance and academia. Slovenia has been slowly coming to a crossroad, needing to take a decision which way and by which actors to pursue the rise of its ODA due to deliver on its promises and commitments. The reason for such discussion is to provide a possibility for reflection with different stakeholders' experiences to guide the future development. This panel is planned with the aim of reflecting on possible initiatives for strengthening national implementation efforts.

The first and the second panel will be in English, while the third one will be moderated in Slovenian language with translation into English.

Online registration for the event is mandatory. Please register at the [following link](#). In case of online participation, please connect on time to allow us to start on time.

This event is carried out with European Union co-financing, Slovenian Ministry of Public Administration and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its contents are the exclusive responsibility of the SLOGA and CONCORD and do not necessarily reflect the positions of any of the funding authorities.

For more information please contact info@sloga-platform.org.



Draft event agenda

8:30 – 9:15	Morning coffee with journalists
9:00 – 9:30	Short pre-meeting between speakers and moderator of Panel A

Panel A:

9:30 - 9:45	<p>Welcome address</p> <p>Albin Keuc, director of SLOGA Tanya Cox, director of CONCORD</p>
9:45 - 10:00	<p>Presentation on the key findings of Aidwatch 2020 Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concord's representative: Luca De Fraia (Concord Italy NP)
10:00- 11:00	<p>Presentation of AidWatch shadow report</p> <p>moderator: Sekumady Conde (RTV Slo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission (DG INTPA): Erica Gerretsen (INTPA Acting Director; Directorate "Sustainable Finance, Jobs and Growth, an Economy that works for the People) - European Parliament: dr. Milan Brglez, MEP - Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Igor Jukič, General Director of the Directorate for multilateral and development cooperation - CSO perspective from partner countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ from Africa: Elomo Andela (Jeudis de Cotonou) ○ from Western Balkan: Tanja Hafner Ademi (TACSO)
11:00 - 11:30	<p>Q&A with the public</p> <p>Conclusions</p>
11.30 – 11.45	Break



Panel B (this panel is organized in cooperation with Ekvilib Institute):

11:45 - 12:40	<p>State of development finances in South East Europe moderator: Eurodad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nerea Craviotto, Eurodad (International network) ● Daniel Kaba, Ambrela, Slovakia TBC ● Inese Vaivare, Lapas, Latvia ● Kristijan Kovačić, Advocacy Officer, CROSOL, Croatia ● AFRODAD TBC ● Maruša Babnik, Ekvilib Institute/member of platform SLOGA board
12:40 - 13:00	<p>Q&A with the public Conclusions</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Lunch break</p>

Panel C:

14:00 - 15:00	<p>How to reach 0,33% GNP for official development assistance (ODA) moderator: dr. Jana Arbeiter (Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● prof dr. Maja Bučar, Faculty for Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana ● dr. Robert Kokalj, Head of Sector for Development cooperation and humanitarian aid TBC ● Tadej Baškovič, director of CMSR ● Peter Tomažič, Slovenska karitas ● Max Zimani, Global Institute/ member of platform SLOGA board
15:00 - 15:20	<p>Q&A with the public</p>
15:20 - 15:30	<p>Conclusions & Recommendations</p>

