

Question by Mr Charles Goerens to the Commission on the Thematic Programme on Civil Society and Local Authorities under the DCI 2014-2020 and on the draft multiannual indicative programme

The Commission has started to consult stakeholders on the next programme strategy for the Thematic Programme on Civil Society and Local Authorities under the DCI 2014-2020.

At the Policy Forum on Development, the Commission already presented a draft "multiannual indicative programme", indicating the major components and financial allocations. The EP appreciates the fact that the EC presents its proposals and discusses them with the main stakeholders. But the document presented hardly reflects the fact that Parliament and Council have only just begun their negotiations about the future DCI legislation, and that these negotiations will deal both with the substance of the future thematic programme as well as the way key decisions contained in the Multiannual Indicative Programme are to be adopted.

- Could the Commission explain what basis it has used for the drafting of the Multiannual Indicative Programme, and whether, and if so, how, the amendments proposed by Council and the Parliament on his specific thematic programme have been taken into account?
- What procedure has the Commission foreseen for factoring into its consultations and preparatory work the progress in the negotiations between the co-legislators on the DCI 2014-2020?