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In line with the commitments of the Busan Forum¹, the Commission has supported principles of effectiveness, including through its engagement in platforms like the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

The information on aid and development required by the Honourable Member is available on the website of the European Court of Auditors². This is also in line with the 19 May 2017 Council Conclusions³ on the humanitarian-development nexus.

The Commission is improving project design and monitoring by reinforcing risk-based oversight and use of baselines and measurable indicators where feasible in fragile contexts. These measures aim to ensure that EU investments deliver sustained impact and contribute to the reduction of structural vulnerabilities.

Engagement with local stakeholders is built into this approach, not as a uniform model but adapted to each context. The different stakeholders are involved when conditions allow, ensuring that interventions reflect local realities and can be maintained over time. Dialogue with civil society organisations (CSOs) is a pillar in countries' roadmaps for civil society engagement and central to the success of partnerships with third countries. EU Delegations regularly involve civil society to collect input on priorities and concerns on programming. The Commission monitors this engagement through an annual survey on consultation and dialogue with CSOs⁴. This is central to the humanitarian-development-peace approach and to the Global Gateway objective of securing durable, locally owned investments.

¹ [https://one.oecd.org/document/DCD/DAC/RD\(2011\)16/RD7/en/pdf](https://one.oecd.org/document/DCD/DAC/RD(2011)16/RD7/en/pdf).

² Recommendation 2 and 3: Strengthen the implementation of the humanitarian-development- peace nexus
https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECARepplies/COM-Replies-SR-2025-20/COM-Replies-SR-2025-20_EN.pdf.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/24010/nexus-st09383en17.pdf>.

⁴ https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/groups/public-governance-civilsociety/library_en.