

“Decentralised cooperation in front of the crisis of the development model”

Webinar and presentation of the last publications from the Observatory of Decentralised Cooperation: “Decentralised cooperation as a mechanism to address inequalities and enhance democracy in the territories” and “Guide to decentralised cooperation for elected officials”

Thursday 22nd April 2021
15:30 – 17:00 CET / 10:00 – 12:00

Objective

After more than a year since the outbreak of the pandemic and its consequences, the multidimensional crisis that plagues us has revealed the exhaustion of the current development model and its inability to provide a collective response to the current global problems. We need new development paradigms in order to face the current world, which is marked by interdependence and interconnection between territories and the different areas of development. The challenging global issues we have to face demand responses from different actors and different levels of government. The need for a new social contract and a renewed multilateral response makes it necessary to reorient decentralised cooperation from a new paradigm that contributes to generating the necessary global transformations so as to advance towards a development model linked to the sustainability of life and the planet.

With the aim of opening a debate to share challenges and proposals to renew decentralised cooperation and adapt it to a new development paradigm, the Observatory of Decentralised Cooperation presents two of its last publications and organises a dialogue with their authors. On the one hand, we will have the opportunity to publicly present the study “Decentralised cooperation as a mechanism to address inequalities and enhance democracy in the territories” prepared by Mr. Agustí Fernández de Losada, which includes the main conclusions of the debates that took place during the last Observatory Conference held in Montevideo in December 2019. On the other hand, we will get to know the proposal made by La Mundial on how to politically renew decentralised cooperation, which is the object of the “Guide to decentralised cooperation for elected officials” recently published with the support of the Development Cooperation Office of the Barcelona Provincial Council.

The dialogue will be opened by Mrs. Pilar Díaz Romero, Deputy Councillor for International Relations of the Barcelona Provincial Council and Mayoress of Esplugues de Llobregat, and will include the participation of the Member of the European Parliament, Mrs. Monica Silvana Gonzalez

Connection

Tools:

Zoom.

Agenda

Welcome 15:30 (5 minutes)

- Mrs. Pilar Díaz Romero, Deputy Councillor for International Relations of the Barcelona Provincial Council and Mayoress of Esplugues de Llobregat.

Presentation of the publications 15:35-15:55 (20 minutes) by Marga Barceló, Head of the Development Cooperation Office of the Barcelona Provincial Council

- Study “Decentralised cooperation as a mechanism to address inequalities and enhance democracy in the territories” by Agustí Fernández de Losada, author of the publication.
- “Guide to decentralised cooperation for elected officials” by Raffaella Galante, researcher of the group La Mundial and co-author of the publication.

Round-table on decentralised cooperation in the new global context 15:55- 16:25 (30 minutes) by Carla Cors, Observatory of Decentralised Cooperation

- Agustí Fernández de Losada, senior researcher and director of the Global Cities programme, *Barcelona Centre for International Affairs*
- Raffaella Galante, researcher in the group La Mundial
- Mónica Silvana, member of the European Parliament

Debate 16:25-16:55 (30 minutes)

- Share experiences and opinions on the limitations and potential of decentralised cooperation in the current crisis and the new development agendas.

Closing 16:55-17:00 (5 minutes)

- Antoni Montseny, Director of International Relations of the Barcelona Provincial Council and head of the Observatory of Decentralised Cooperation EU-LA