

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel session 1: The implications of the comprehensive approach for development cooperation practices: modalities, channels and stages.

This first session will tackle the “everyday” operations and activities of Belgian development actors. What does adopting a more comprehensive approach mean for the context / risk analysis, identification, formulation, implementation, evaluation and the feedback loop towards a rolling programme? What does it involve for the political dialogue with the partner country and its (national and local) authorities? How can we find a common language and common beacons for the ways we work? What kind of stimuli would facilitate the actors’ involvement and appropriation?

Parallel session 2: Balancing autonomy and synergy: the comprehensive approach and NGAs, Humanitarian action and other development actors (co)financed by Belgium.

The second session will focus on building principles, indicators and steps to be taken regarding the potential tensions as well as potential opportunities that arise from adopting a more comprehensive approach by Belgian cooperation. This autonomy vs. synergy discussion can stem from the nature of the actors (e.g. Enabel, BIO, NGAs, INGAs, multilateral agencies, private sector companies, development banks) or the nature of their activities (e.g. humanitarian or development action). How can development actors collectively achieve greater outcomes than the sum of their parts?

Parallel session 3: Beyond Development cooperation: promoting a comprehensive approach for all Belgian foreign action stakeholders.

The third session will question the implications of a more comprehensive approach of Belgian cooperation for the relations with other Belgian actors on the foreign scene (foreign affairs, defence, trade, migration, police, justice, etc.). While some of these actors have already engaged in a reflection on “their” comprehensive approach, it is essential that principles, indicators and steps to be taken can be discussed and shared. How can we foster common analysis and common objectives? What documents, strategies or policies should be drafted in order for Belgian cooperation to reach a more comprehensive approach with its governmental counterparts?

Participants can participate all day or choose to participate only to the morning or afternoon sessions. The G4D research team stresses that the participation of all stakeholders in the afternoon workshops is very important for an inclusive co-construction of the green paper.

Registration is free but compulsory and should be made before the 10 June 2018. For registration, please use the following link: [registration](#).