

On-line consultation with non-governmental organisations implementing international assistance to Syria and the region

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Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are instrumental in the effective and timely delivery of humanitarian and resilience support in Syria and in the neighbouring host countries.

Their work in Syria and the region has helped save tens of thousands of human lives, and provide hundreds of thousands of refugees with essential basic services.

As a further commitment to maintaining the international focus on the Syria crisis, the European Union will host a second Brussels Conference on “Supporting the future of Syria and the region” on 24-25 April 2018.

The Conference will take stock of the massive humanitarian needs the conflict has triggered inside Syria and in the region and of the support provided in response.

The Conference will review the pledges made by the donor community at last year’s Brussels Conference, call for further support in 2018 and beyond, and highlight the crucial role played by neighbouring countries, particularly Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, in supporting Syrian refugees.

It will also seek to address pressing challenges in responding to humanitarian and resilience needs and to consolidate international efforts towards a resolution of the Syrian conflict, in support of the UN-brokered Geneva negotiation process for a political transition.

NGO implementing partners, either international, Syrian or from neighbouring countries, were key contributors to last year's Brussels I Conference. The European Union wishes to pursue and deepen this dialogue with them in the run-up to Brussels II.

Consultations are being organised in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Brussels in order to gather their views ahead of the Conference. Partners can also submit their contributions through this online consultation.

Interested NGO implementing partners are invited to express their views by replying to the following questions. They have been designed in order to allow for as broad as possible a consultation, while contributing to international and EU efforts to improve and prioritise the delivery of assistance.

We particularly encourage partners to provide concrete examples of best practices and focussed recommendations.

The answers will provide orientation and indications from civil society and possibly be discussed in an event ahead of the ministerial sessions.

While this consultation aims to take all views into account as comprehensively as possible, the Conference may not be able to cover all issues raised.

In order to allow for fair treatment of the contributions, a limit of 200 words per question per answer has been set. Replies shall be accepted until 26 February 2018.