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Echos Communication is a Belgian non-governmental organisation which carries out communication projects on international relations. Our role is to communicate the potential, the skills and the creativity of people wherever they come from in order for them to be able to mutually discover each other, to learn from one another and to form their own development based on what they have learnt. We believe that development cooperation will increasingly become a space for exchange of knowledge, of co-management of the world and of mutual learning between people and cultures of the world.



Concern Worldwide is working in 30 of the world's poorest countries, engaging in long term development work with core programmes focusing on health, livelihoods, education and HIV/AIDS. Concern also responds to emergency situations, and seeks to address the root causes of poverty through its development education and advocacy work. Based in Ireland with offices in Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, New York and Chicago, Concern employs over 3,800 people and celebrates the diversity of its staff in all of the cultures and countries they work in.



Kopin (Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali) Malta is a Maltese based NGDO, whose objective is poverty eradication through the wholesome development and effective empowerment of the poorest communities. It carries out development education and advocacy work, and awareness raising campaigns on North/South issues directed mainly at local and EU development policies. It is the Maltese partner of the communication campaign "Building Unity through Diversity." Kopin currently coordinates the National Platform of Maltese NGDOs, facilitating and promoting the exchange of experiences with other NGDOs directly or through umbrella networks.



Suas Educational Development is a young and vibrant organisation founded by young people for young people. Its focus is on releasing potential and fostering active citizenship to combat educational disadvantage in Ireland and overseas. The Building Unity Through Diversity initiative presents Suas with an opportunity to promote its own values of openness, inclusion and diversity in all it does.



YLE Helps is an information and fundraising campaign, jointly run by aid organisations and the Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE. It was started in 2002 by YLE, the Finnish Red Cross, UNICEF Finland and Finnchurchaid. Towards the end of 2004, these organisations established the YLE Helps Foundation. Since the beginning of 2005, six new organisations have joined the campaign: Save the Children Finland, the Plan Finland Foundation, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Fida International, the International Solidarity Foundation and the Trade Union Solidarity Centre of Finland (SASK). Funds are raised through YLE's television and radio broadcasts as well as through events all over Finland.



The “**Centre d’Etudes de la Communication**” (**CECOM**) (Centre of Communication Studies) is a not-for-profit organisation which specialises in teaching, as well as the evaluation of and support for communication projects. Created by the Department of Communication at the “Université Catholique de Louvain” over twenty years ago, CECOM benefits from its university expertise. This pooling of the skills from the three research groups which are active today has enabled a variety of projects to be established on institutional, media and journalistic communication or on the mediation of knowledge.



The **European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)** is an independent foundation. Its activities focus on strengthening capabilities in order to improve cooperation between Europe and African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries within the framework of the Cotonou Agreement. The Centre specialises in issues of trade, development and governance, the European Union's development cooperation and institutional development. The work of the ECDPM is founded on a participative approach which aims to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practice through respecting the diverse perspectives of the different parties involved.



The **Municipal Development Partnership (MDP)** is a Pan-African organisation, whose objective is to accompany governments in their political determination of decentralisation and to strengthen the capacities of local government associations in Africa. Since 1998, the MDP also deals with the organisation every three years of the “Africities” summits, the most important continental platform for policy dialogue on decentralisation and local governance. The next summit will be held in Nairobi from 18 to 24 September 2006 on the topic “Building local coalitions for an effective implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in African Local Governments”.

