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Attachments: Ideas for ex-ante conditionality for IPA financing.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed IPA III framework. Unfortunately we found out about the consultation at a rather late stage, but would like to put forward a few general suggestions.

First, with regard to governance, when preparing, implementing and monitoring IPA assistance, the [European Code of Conduct on partnership](#) needs to be followed. Originally developed for the Structural and Investment Funds, we would like to see the Code of Conduct extended to the IPA Funds, in order to better including bodies representing civil society in monitoring the quality and transparency of decision-making. Until now, CSOs have been invited to participate in monitoring committees, however this is a very late stage as it only relates to implementation, and the selection process for representatives has not always been logical or transparent.

In addition, we would like to see strong conditionality on IPA funding in the environment and energy-related sectors, as laid out in the following document that we sent to DG NEAR in October 2019.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need any clarifications,

Kind regards,

Pippa