

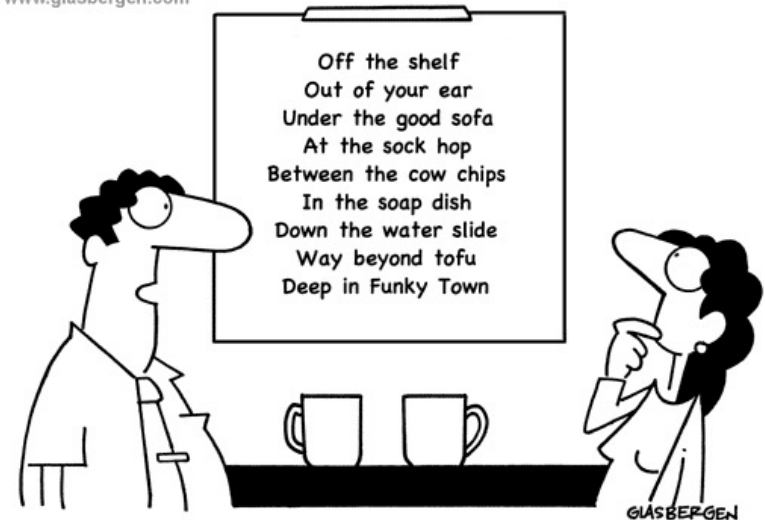
# Reaching out to grassroots and community-based CSOs

## Good practices from a collaborative process on Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)

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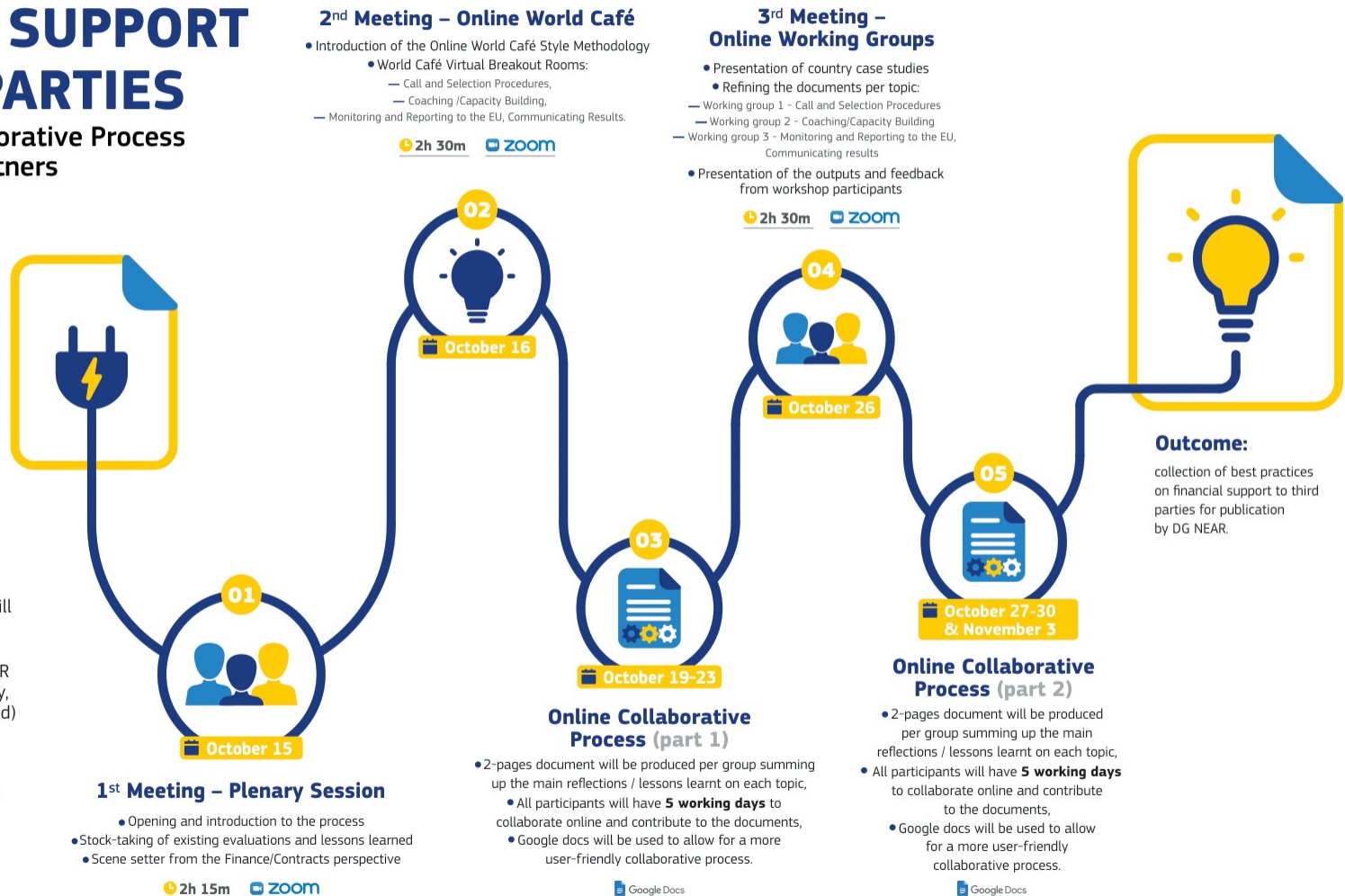
**“The term ‘out of the box’ is getting stale.  
So my team came up with some fresh alternatives.”**

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES

## DG NEAR Online Collaborative Process with Implementing Partners

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3 November 2020

DG NEAR's Centre of Thematic Expertise for Civil Society Support will organise an **online collaborative process**, bringing together implementing partners from all NEAR regions (Western Balkans and Turkey, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood) to allow for a peer-to-peer learning and exchange of different practices and experiences, and to co-create a collection of good practices on FSTP (Financial Support to Third Parties).



# Outcome Document: A Collection of Good Practices of FSTP in Neighbourhood and Enlargement Countries

- A record/inventory of the variety of existing approaches, experiences and lessons learnt
- Legal references
- Checklists
- Templates
- No toolkit/manual!



## Lessons learnt: Top 3

- Thorough description of the FSTP aspects in the application/DoA
- Guidelines/information sessions to specify important elements to address in the DoA
- Requests for clarifications can help fill gaps

# Lessons learnt: Call Procedures

- A combination of open and closed calls
- Use of local languages
- Flexibility for applications in difficult environments
- The call as capacity development tool

# Lessons learnt: Evaluation/Selection Procedures

- Independent vs. collective evaluation by evaluation committee
- Presence of applicants during evaluation
- Background checks
- Feedback to non-selected applicants

# Lessons learnt: Capacity Development

- Long-term: Continuous approach prior, during and after financing
- Local ownership/participatory planning of CD
- Capacity Assessment Tools/Measuring impact

# Lessons learnt: Monitoring & Reporting

- Monitoring & reporting as part of project design: collect information on impact, aggregate qualitative data
- Participatory monitoring
- Input-based versus output-based financial reporting
- Trust



# Lessons learnt: Communication & Visibility

- Training/Guidelines for FSTP beneficiaries
- Creative communication tools
- Derogations for difficult environments



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