

OECD's recommendations to Finland 2017

1 Apply the 2017 guidelines for civil society, ensuring that partnerships are leveraged to enhance and complement country strategies and that support to civil society in developing countries is strengthened and made more predictable.

2 Put in place a strategy for engaging with multilateral partners as a basis for strategic dialogue.

3 Outline Finland's approach to partnering and working with the private sector and ensure that this is aligned with development priorities. Build the capacity of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to co-ordinate and manage private sector instruments, including in field offices.

4 Enhance the use of results information for multiple purposes (accountability, communication, direction, learning) at multiple levels (corporate, sectoral, project) and align the information to the SDG priorities and results frameworks of partner countries.

5 Apply the good practice of mainstreaming gender to improve how environment and climate change adaptation and mitigation are taken into account throughout Finland's development co-operation.

6 Finland should reverse the decline of ODA, including to least-developed countries, and approve a roadmap with annual targets to achieve its commitment to provide 0,7 percent of GNI as official development assistance ODA and 0,2 percent of GNI to least-developed countries.

7 Take steps to attract and retain people with sufficient development policy and programming expertise within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and in embassies. Finland should also invest in greater career planning and training opportunities for all staff.

8 Ensure that Finland keeps its focus on poverty and untied aid as it increasingly makes investments linked to Finnish businesses.

9 Review and set out guidance on how to apply the Discretionary Government Transfers Act and other legal frameworks, with a view to fostering innovative partnerships, including in complex fragile environments.

10 Include all Finnish investments in country overviews for all long-term partner countries.

11 Ensure that risk management actions are built into programme design and implemented, and that risks are regularly monitored.

12 Finland should expand the use of existing knowledge platforms and develop a system that can easily connect officials, partners and other stakeholders with relevant information and evidence to improve decision making.