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## WHS, the Grand Bargain, Aleppo and Ukraine: what should the EU's humanitarian priorities be in 2017?

### ***European Humanitarian NGO Roundtable, Stockholm***

Tuesday 7 March 2017, 9h-16h30

Venue: Scandic Sjöfartshotellet, Katarinavägen 26, 104 65 Stockholm

The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), Grand Bargain and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) all present opportunities for increased solidarity and engagement in humanitarian action. They come at a time when humanitarian actors are confronted with major challenges in responding to the growing needs worldwide, for instance in Aleppo, Ukraine and in Europe's migration crisis. In this context, what should the EU's humanitarian priorities be in 2017/2018?

VOICE with its Swedish members is organising a roundtable with the intention to bring together the national humanitarian perspectives from Scandinavian countries with the European perspective.

### ***Final Programme as of 07/03/2017***

9h00 – 9h30	Registration of the participants
9h30	<p><b>Welcome / introduction</b></p> <p>Nicolas Borsinger, President, VOICE Daniel Zetterlund, CEO, International Aid Services (IAS)</p> <p><b>EU Humanitarian Aid in 2017: Policy Framework</b></p> <p>Niklas Wiberg, Head of section for Humanitarian Affairs, Swedish MFA Chiara Gariazzo, Director, ECHO, European Commission Kathrin Schick, Director, VOICE</p> <p><i>Chair: Floris Faber, ACT Alliance EU office</i></p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
10h45 – 11h15	Coffee break
11h15 – 12h30	<p><b>Bridging between humanitarian and development aid</b></p> <p>Anna Garvander, Head of Humanitarian Team/International Department, Church of Sweden Jessica Hedman, Humanitarian Aid Coordinator, PMU Marek Stys, Head of Emergency &amp; External Relation, People In Need</p> <p><i>Chair: Ester Asin, Save the Children International EU liaison office</i></p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
12h30 – 13h45	Lunch break

13h45 – 14h15	<b>Grand Bargain – introductory discussion</b> Grand Bargain: introduction from Harmke Kruithof, DG ECHO <i>Chair: Magali Mourlon, VOICE Secretariat</i> Q&A
14h15 – 15h30	<b>Workshops on Grand Bargain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplification for localisation</li> <li>• Multi-year planning and funding</li> </ul>
15h30 – 15h45	Coffee break
15h45 – 16h15	<b>Feedback from workshops</b> <b>Conclusions from day's discussions</b>
16h15	<b>Closing remarks</b> by the hosts

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