

## Workshop 2

### Why gender is essential to decentralised cooperation

#### Date & Time

Tuesday, 12 June, 16:00 - 18:00

#### Room

A4

#### Description

Equality between women and men, girls and boys, is a fundamental right and a core value of the European Union. It is a prerequisite and constitutive condition for sustainable development. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is one of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations and promoting gender equality beyond its borders within the framework of its foreign policy is also a high priority for the European Union. Equality between women and men is a major development challenge as it is both a goal in itself and a development tool.

This workshop will present the key findings and tools of the study “*Promoting gender equality: towards a gender-based approach in decentralised cooperation projects*”<sup>1</sup> which was carried out by the French section of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AFCCRE) in the framework of PLATFORMA. One of the case studies featured in the publication will be invited to share their experience with participants. These presentations will be followed by dynamics exchanges between the participants on their respective practices of mainstreaming the gender approach in their international policies and activities, identifying the difficulties and possible solutions to these challenges.

#### Format

Workshop

#### Language foreseen

English

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<sup>1</sup> <http://platforma-dev.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PLATFORMA-AFCCRE-gender-EN.pdf>