

Workshop:  
**The European Union's Triangular Cooperation  
in the context of aid effectiveness**

Organized by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)  
In the framework of the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation

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Background

Over the past few years South-South Cooperation (SSC) has undergone a notable revival since it began some decades ago. This process has coincided with changes in traditional aid donors, including new approaches in support to middle income countries. One result of both phenomena is that a number of Southern partner countries are increasing their collaboration with donors to support other developing countries through schemes which include triangular cooperation.

A few donors such as Japan have engaged in triangular cooperation for many years, and several European countries have developed some experience recently. However, this modality has yet to become fully consolidated in the European Union.

One of the reasons for this situation is that it remains a conceptually unclear concept. In addition, triangular cooperation has significant –not always positive— implications for efforts to advance in the aid effectiveness agenda.

Objectives and focus of the workshop

In this context, this one-day workshop on 8 March 2010 aims *to provide a venue for an initial exchange of information and viewpoints on experiences of Member states and the Commission in triangular cooperation and implications for aid effectiveness efforts.*

The workshop is organized by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) in the framework of the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation, a network which seeks to promote exchange on issues of practical interest between its members and other organizations from across Europe.<sup>1</sup>

As such, the workshop focuses on practical challenges and issues for EU Member States and the Commission as they become more active in triangular cooperation over the coming years. It also complements the efforts of the Spanish Presidency of the EU to develop an EU approach on this issue, and the results will be communicated to the High Level Event on South-South Cooperation and Capacity Development to be held in Bogotá, Colombia on 24-26 March 2010.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see: <http://www.dev-practitioners.eu/> . From May 2009 to May 2010, AECID presides this network.

<sup>2</sup> For this purpose AECID is preparing a background Concept Note which will guide the discussion at the workshop and later incorporate ideas in the final version. This document will be made available shortly.

## Preliminary agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Elena Madrazo, Director of AECID (tbc)
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Background: Triangular cooperation in the context of aid effectiveness – Towards a European vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- “Triangular cooperation as a new modality: potential and risks”. Guido Ashoff, Head of Development Cooperation Department, Researcher, German Development Institute, Bonn</li><li>- “Triangular cooperation in the context of the aid effectiveness agenda”. Nils-Sjard Schulz, Researcher on Development Policies, FRIDE, Madrid</li></ul> <i>Researchers will make brief presentations on the context and a conceptual approach to triangular cooperation in the light of the Accra Agenda for Action. After the presentation there will be time for open discussion.</i>
<b>11:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11:30</b>	<b>A review of some practices to date</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Martina Kampmann, Director Global Partnerships, GTZ (tbc)</li><li>- AECID (Directorate for Cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean): general overview and presentation of specific initiative: AECID-Chile-Paraguay</li><li>- Kamil Smetana, Development Specialist, Slovakaid, Bratislava</li></ul> <i>Representatives from several entities engaged in triangular cooperation in the EU will kick off the debate on practices reflecting self-critically on their practical experiences</i>
<b>14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Challenges and the way ahead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marion Schiller-Probst, European Commission, DG Development. Unit “Relations with international organizations and non EU states”</li><li>- Daniel Hanspach, Emerging Donors Policy Specialist, UNDP Regional Centre, Bratislava</li></ul> <i>The technical and practical aspects of triangular cooperation will be explored from the perspective of the day-to-day reality of this relatively new modality, aiming to agree on next steps to be taken in the EU context</i>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Closing</b> Christian Freres, Senior Advisor, Aid Programming and Quality Unit, AECID

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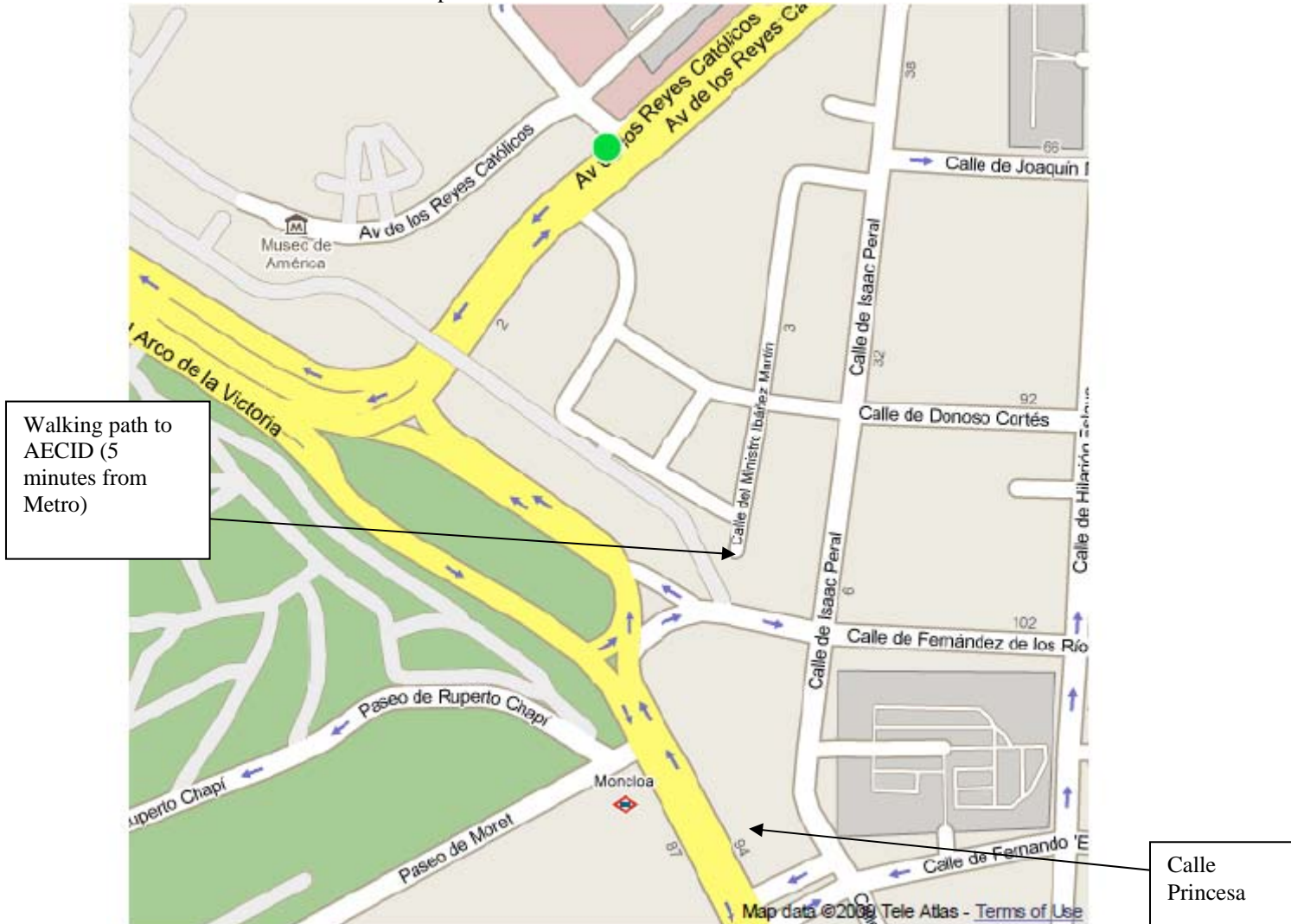


# LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR WORKSHOP

## HOW TO GET TO AECID

Avenida Reyes Católicos, 4 (See Green dot on map)

<http://www.metromadrid.es/en/index.html>



**Closest Metro/Underground Station:** MONCLOA (Lines 6 –Circular- and 3): a 10-minute walk to AECID on path (in light grey)

**From the Airport by Metro** (approx. 45 minutes: 2 euro):

- Leave from Underground exit Aeropuerto T1-T3, or T4, Línea 8
- Transfer at Nuevos Ministerios to Línea 6 Circular
- Arrival Moncloa station

**Metro information:** <http://www.metromadrid.es/en/index.html>

**From Airport by Taxi:** (about 30 minutes, depending on traffic): 30-40 euro

## WHERE TO STAY

### A SELECTION OF HOTELS NEAR AECID

#### Husa Princesa

- **Category:** Hotel \*\*\*\*\*
- **Address:** Calle Princesa , 40
- **Telephones:** (+34) 91 542 21 00
- Price from **185€**
- Web: [www.hotelhusaprincesa.com](http://www.hotelhusaprincesa.com)

#### Príncipe Pío

- **Category:** Hotel \*\*\*
- **Address:** Cuesta San Vicente , 14
- **Telephones:** (+34) 91 547 08 00
- Price from **95€**
- Web: [www.hotelprincipepio.com](http://www.hotelprincipepio.com)

#### T3 Tirol

- **Category:** Hotel \*\*\*
- **Address:** Calle Marqués de Urquijo , 4
- **Telephones:** (+34) 91 548 19 00
- Price from **80€**
- Web: [www.t3tirol.com](http://www.t3tirol.com)

#### Sofitel Madrid Plaza de España

- **Category:** Hotel \*\*\*\*\*
- **Address:** Calle Tutor , 1
- **Telephones:** (+34) 91 541 98 80
- Web: [www.sofitel.com](http://www.sofitel.com)

#### Aparthotel Rosales

- **Category:** Tourist Apartments and Aparthotels
- **Address:** Calle Marqués de Urquijo , 26
- **Telephones:** (+34) 91 542 03 51
- Price from **55€**
- Web: <http://www.apartohotel-rosales.com/index.html>