

English

## European Commission, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (EC-ECHO)



SCORE:  
77.1

POSITION:  
14/50

2022  
GOOD

### OVERVIEW

The Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (EC-ECHO) is responsible for formulating European Commission (EC) humanitarian aid policy and delivering European Union relief assistance through its two main instruments: civil protection and humanitarian aid. The EC joined IATI in 2008 and EC-ECHO began publishing to IATI in September 2013.

2020 GOOD	2018 GOOD	2016 GOOD	2015 FAIR	2014 FAIR	2013 FAIR
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Organisational planning and commitments  
13 / 15

Finance and budgets  
22.5 / 25

Project attributes  
13.5 / 20

Joining-up development data  
18.7 / 20

Performance  
9.5 / 20

### ANALYSIS

EC-ECHO remained in the 'good' category but gained nine points from the 2020 Index taking it back to roughly where it was in the 2018 Index. It has climbed from 19<sup>th</sup> place in the 2020 Index to 13<sup>th</sup> this year, but this is still behind its 10<sup>th</sup> place record in the 2018 Index. EC-ECHO published to the IATI Registry on a monthly basis.

EC-ECHO performed very well on the joining-up development data component, including on the new networked data indicator. It published all indicators apart from contracts to IATI. It made detailed contracts available in a different format on a publicly available portal.

The data EC-ECHO published to the IATI Registry for indicators in the organisational planning and commitments component were good quality. However, it lost points for this component because it did not publish a current version of its annual report to the IATI Registry. A current annual report was available in another format.

EC-ECHO also scored particularly well against the finance and budgets component with data published to IATI for all indicators. The quality of the IATI data was good. EC-ECHO published project budgets for all activities and project budget documents for 84% of its activities. Overall, EC-ECHO improved its score by four points in this component compared to the 2020 Index.

For the project attributes component, EC-ECHO published data to the IATI Registry for all indicators. The description indicator failed our IATI data quality checks because too many descriptions do not provide any information on what activities and/or projects are about. The sub-national location indicators also failed because EC-ECHO provided locations at the national level only.

EC-ECHO scored poorly for the performance component. It only disclosed information for the pre-project impact appraisals and objectives indicators to the IATI Registry. Pre-project impact appraisals were published to the IATI Registry for most of its activities. EC-ECHO did not publish reviews and evaluations to the IATI Registry and we could not consistently find evaluation documents published in other formats. Reviews and evaluations found were at country or sector level rather than project specific. It also did not publish results to the IATI Registry and we again could not consistently find results published in other formats either.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- EC-ECHO should aim to disclose all relevant data to the IATI Registry. It could publish indicators that are already available in other formats, which include its contracts and results, to the IATI Registry.
- It should improve the quality of its data for the descriptions and sub-national locations indicators.
- EC-ECHO should provide the total organisation budget three years in advance.
- It should also publish up to date annual reports in its IATI data.

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### Organisational planning and commitments

Score: 13 / 15

#### ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at the overall aims and strategy of an organisation. We check for any public commitments to aid transparency. We also make sure audits are published and if planning documents have been published, including by parent organisations (including national governments) where applicable. We make note of any Freedom of Information laws and critically, we make sure that organisations have tried to make their information easy to access and understand. You should not have to be an expert in open data to be able to find and use this information.

Quality of FOI legislation Score: 1.88



Accessibility Score: 1.88



Organisation strategy Score: 1.87



Annual report Score: 0.94



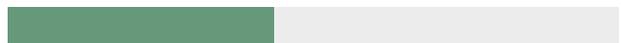
Allocation policy Score: 1.87



Procurement policy Score: 1.87



Strategy (country/sector) or Memorandum of Understanding Score: 0.82



Audit Score: 1.87



### Finance and budgets

Score: 22.5 / 25

#### ABOUT COMPONENT

This component is critical to allow you and anyone else to follow the money. We expect to find the total budget of the organisation being assessed, right down to individual transactions for each development activity. In particular, forward-looking budgets from donors are important for partner country governments to be able to plan their own future finances.

Total organisation budget Score: 4.17



Disaggregated budget Score: 2.11



Project budget Score: 3.33



Project budget document Score: 2.97



Commitments Score: 3.33



Disbursements and expenditures Score: 3.26



Budget Alignment Score: 3.33

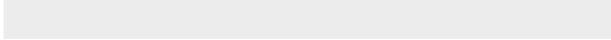
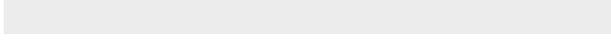


# Project attributes

Score: 13.5 / 20

## ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to descriptive, non-financial data, including basics like the title and description of a project. Information like this is important as it is often the entry point for data users to quickly understand what a project is about. We also look for other information that helps to put a project in context, such as its sub-national location or the sector that the project deals with, for example, education or agriculture.

<b>Title</b>	Score: 0.99
	
<b>Description</b>	Score: 0
	
<b>Planned dates</b>	Score: 1
	
<b>Actual dates</b>	Score: 1
	
<b>Current status</b>	Score: 1
	
<b>Contact details</b>	Score: 1
	
<b>Sectors</b>	Score: 2.5
	
<b>Sub-national location</b>	Score: 0
	
<b>Conditions</b>	Score: 3.5
	
<b>Unique ID</b>	Score: 2.5
	

# Joining-up development data

Score: 18.7 / 20

## ABOUT COMPONENT

This component looks at how well an organisation's data is able to be linked and connected with other bits of information. There is a diverse nature of flows, activities and actors within the development sector. Aid and development finance data needs to be effectively linked and connected with the rest to provide a full picture for the user. This can be particularly important for partner country governments, which need to integrate information on aid with their own budgets and systems.

Flow type Score: 3



Aid type Score: 3



Finance type Score: 3



Tied aid status Score: 3



Networked Data - Implementors Score: 3.33



Networked Data - Participating Orgs Score: 1.33



Project procurement Score: 2



# Performance

Score: 9.5 / 20

## ABOUT COMPONENT

This component refers to the essential data and documents that assess whether a project is on track or has been achieved. This includes things like baseline surveys, progress against targets, mid-term reviews and end of project evaluations. This information is important to hold aid organisations to account and also to share knowledge with others on what worked and what did not during a project.

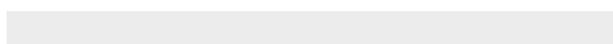
Objectives Score: 5



Pre-project impact appraisals Score: 4.46



Reviews and evaluations Score: 0



Results Score: 0

