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## **EU civil society organisations are mobilising to help EU decision-makers recruit the best existing profile for the next EU Commissioner for International Partnerships**

The nomination of Commissioners by Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, is ongoing and will be followed by hearings and a vote at the European Parliament in the autumn.

Served by decades of experience analysing, collaborating on, and providing expertise on EU development aid policy and subsequent policy shortcomings, who best to help EU decision-makers identify the right candidate for the job? An in-depth understanding of the challenges of North-South relations, a proven record of working with CSOs and communities as well as meaningfully engaging with the Presidency on issues surrounding global health, and the ability to speak out against inequalities in access to basic services are necessary skills and experience to be successful in this role. See our [full job description](#) for more details.

Leading DG INTPA, the Commissioner for International Partnerships is a key actor in formulating the EU's international partnership and development policy whose stated goals are to reduce poverty, ensure sustainable development, and promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law across the world.

At a time when uncertainties prevail, with the EU gradually diverting development aid from its primary objective in favour of more geopolitical interests, and the latest rumours hinting that DG INTPA might soon be replaced by a "DG Global Gateway", civil society organisations take this opportunity to remind the European Commission that the eradication of poverty is the main objective of EU development cooperation and policies as stated in the Lisbon Treaty.

As one of the main ODA donors and as a key political force on the international stage, the EU plays a major role in strengthening international mobilisation, supporting human development and access to health for all worldwide. It is therefore crucial to have a European Commissioner for International Partnerships who advocates strongly on development issues, prioritises health and poverty eradication in their portfolio, and strives for adequate budgetary means to turn ambitions into a reality, particularly as the next MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework) discussions begin.

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