

This workshop is organised in the frame of the [VOICE Grand Bargain project](#) and is one out of a series of workshops at EU level that address different crosscutting issues around the Grand Bargain work streams and its overall implementation process. The [first EU workshop](#) took place earlier in March, in Brussels and addressed the thematic of cash programming.

## **VOICE Workshop**

### **The Grand Bargain: a vehicle for Simplification?**

**Save the Date!**

**Monday 05 November 2018 from 10:00 to 16:30 in Paris**

In response to the increasing administrative burden NGOs are confronted with when managing humanitarian funding; several initiatives have been undertaken calling for simplification. Commitments have been made by humanitarian donors to reducing administrative work: first in 2003 within the Principles and Good Practice of Humanitarian Donorship. In 2007, the EU Consensus for Humanitarian Aid clearly mentioned simplification:

*“97. Concretely, the Community will seek in the medium term to continue to streamline and simplify its administrative requirements so as to strengthen collaboration with partners and improve field effectiveness”*

Since then NGOs continued collecting evidence on the effect of donors’ conditions and requirements attached to humanitarian funding. Key recommendations from NGOs from relevant studies ([Exploring EU humanitarian donors’ funding and conditions](#)) and collective initiative ([Less Paper More Aid](#)) were heard by the High Level Panel on humanitarian financing and reflected in the Grand Bargain.

30 months after its launch at the World Humanitarian Summit, the Grand Bargain remains a key initiative to improve effectiveness and efficiency in the humanitarian aid sector. The GB has a strong potential to foster this call for simplification and make it a reality. By its multi-stakeholders’ engagement, gathering international and national NGOs, donors, and international organisations, it sets a unique forum seeking for collective progress to be made. Within the Grand Bargain many work streams relate to the humanitarian financing architecture and potential for simplification can be seen as a main thread through the different work streams focusing on donors’ conditionalities.

This workshop is co-organised with Coordination SUD and will provide an open space for participants to discuss and exchange the GB potential for simplification and collectively explore to what extent humanitarian actors can take part and benefit from the various initiatives aiming at moving this agenda forward.



## **WORKSHOP FORMAT:**

- *Morning*: Panel discussion: The Grand Bargain: where are we at?
- *Afternoon*: Break-out sessions

### Three topics for discussions:

- Narrative Reporting work stream & piloting: where are we at?
- Financial management and reporting: NRC initiative 'Money where it counts'
- Transparency: The IATI standards: which potential for simplification?

*A detailed agenda will be sent to registered participants in the coming weeks.*

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## **LOCATION :**

**Médecin du Monde, 62 rue Marcadet - 75018 Paris**

## **REGISTRATION:**

Please to register click on the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/tL2yR59QShBOPrKH3>

**Deadline for Registration: Monday 29 October**



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