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EU stakeholders and third sector impact: the current policy situation and options for improvement

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Impacts of the third sector?

- ▲ **Output:** Employment, expenditures, income from different sources, volunteering, membership
- ▲ **Impacts:** Social, economic, cultural
 - Wellbeing and quality of life
 - Innovation
 - Civic engagement, advocacy, local community development
 - Economic impacts
 - Human resources
- ▲ Impact on society at local and central level?
- ▲ Impact on individuals: Volunteers, employees, participants, donors, clients, users?
- ▲ Positive and negative effects?

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Characterising how **EU policy** relates to third sector impacts

Method:

- Roundtable discussion to review most important features of the *current* EU and sub-EU policy environment which help or hinder the achievement of third sector impacts
- Distinguish between different contemporary elements:
 - *Design*: Key Policy modes, processes, methods or features which are *currently* most significant in constituting the policy architecture relating to third sector impacts
 - *Implementation*: EU policy priorities & practices, and their national/local connections, which are *currently* most salient in characterising the policy landscape
- Elicit your views on potential EU-level *future* policy modifications which could enhance the third sector's ability to achieve its impact potential

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EU policies: a help or a hindrance?

- ▣ What are current **EU** policy priorities relevant to third sector impacts?
 - How do these make it easier for the third sector to achieve desirable impacts?
 - How do these make it more difficult to achieve desirable impacts?
- ▣ What are current **EU** policy implementation practices relevant to third sector impacts?
 - How do these make it easier for the third sector to achieve desirable impacts?
 - How do these make it more difficult to achieve desirable impacts?

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Limiting barriers & strengthening opportunities: responses and solutions

- ▶ What can EU level policy makers do differently to limit the barriers to achieving positive impacts?
- ▶ What can EU level policy makers do differently to strengthen the opportunities for achieving positive impacts?
- ▶ What can EU level policy makers do differently to contain or restrict the negative impacts?
- ▶ At EU level (linked to national & local levels)?

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