

# DONOR QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

## 1 WHAT IS YOUR AID FOR TRADE STRATEGY?

**Q1.1 Do you have an operational Aid for Trade strategy? Does it have a “pro-poor” focus? What are its key objectives and delivery/implementation modes? (Please break down by types of aid: "multilateral contributions" / "trust funds" / "budget support" / "other bilateral")**

*Please describe and exemplify. If applicable, feel free to refer to your 2007 response.*

Although Poland does not have the Aid for Trade strategy we are paying attention to the question of integrating trade into development strategies and aspect of assisting developing countries in carrying out domestic reforms. We fully share the view that the EU policy should increasingly reflect the growing independence between internal and external action, which is driven by globalization and the emergence of global threats and challenges. Developed partners can intensify their trade flows through bilateral or regional initiatives – on a much deeper scale than developing countries can do, not even mentioning LDCs. Multilateral approach is an element of crucial importance to countries that want to dynamise their economies by intensifying trade relations. That’s why South-South trade is also important as a growth factor, especially in regions, where developing countries have not developed satisfactory trade-net.

Bearing all that in mind we would like to underline that Poland is going to streamline its efforts to increase the overall level of technical assistance to developing countries – with special attention to the countries in accession – like Azerbaijan and Afghanistan. In case of Azerbaijan Poland concentrates its efforts inter alia on trade liberalization promotion with special attention to the process of accession to the WTO. In the framework of the Polish Aid project “Implementation of WTO regulations into the Azerbaijani legislation in the agricultural field” on 21.11.2008 Polish experts from the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Agriculture conducted a workshop for representatives of Azerbaijani administration, scientific institutions and NGO’s. The workshop was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In the case of Afghanistan our efforts will be concentrated towards substantial increasing the ability of Afghanistan to participate in the global trade in more substantial manner...

**Q1.2 If your Aid for Trade Strategy has evolved since 2007, please describe the changes and/or new focuses.**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

n/a

**Q1.3 Have you articulated a set of best practices in the design and/or delivery of Aid for Trade?**

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

**If yes, what form does this best practice guidance take?**

Please describe and exemplify.

n/a

## 2 HOW MUCH AID FOR TRADE DO YOU PROVIDE?

### For CRS Reporting Donors

#### Q2.1 Does the attached CRS profile accurately reflect the volume of your Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

If no, please provide further details of your Aid for Trade activities for 2006 and 2007.

Please add any data that are missing in their appropriate CRS categories, including those activities that should be considered as Aid for Trade under the category of "Other Trade-related Needs" and describe, if applicable, the method used to identify trade-related activities in the relevant CRS categories. Please also provide any activities that may fall under the new category of "Trade-related Adjustment" for 2006.

### For non-CRS Reporting Donors

#### Q2.1 How much Aid for Trade did you provide in each of 2006 and 2007? Please also indicate the volume as percentage share of your total ODA.

Please use the WTO Task Force definition and include estimates of the value of in-kind Aid for Trade such as technical cooperation programmes.

As Poland is at the stage of building its development assistance system, we are not able to indicate how many of our ODA activities could be qualified as a pure aid for trade.

### For All Donor Agencies

#### Q2.2 Do you have indicative forward spending plans that include estimates on Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please provide details of your indicative forward Aid for Trade spending plan.

Please delineate the plan per Aid for Trade category.

### For Donors who had made Aid for Trade pledges

**Q2.3 Please describe how you are meeting your pledges? And how much progress in delivering your final pledges do you expect to have made in 2008 and 2009?**

Please provide details and evidence in accordance with your accountability mechanism.  
n/a

*For Multilateral Donors*

**Q2.4 Please describe how funding for your Aid for Trade activities is evolving** [e.g. share of activities funded from your agency's core (regular budget) vs. non-core (earmarked) resources, including multi-donor funds; likely trends in these categories].

Please describe.  
n/a

*Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to the volume of your Aid for Trade.*

### 3 IMPLEMENTATION: HOW ARE YOU DELIVERING AID FOR TRADE?

**Mainstreaming and Ownership**

**Q3.1 What measures have you undertaken to mainstream Aid for Trade in your overall assistance strategy?**

Please describe and exemplify.  
n/a

**Q3.2 In how many of the partner countries you support, are Aid for Trade concerns an important part of your policy dialogue with them (based on your best estimate)?**

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|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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**Q3.3 How many of your country assistance strategies contain trade or Aid for Trade elements (based on your best estimate)?**

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|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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**Q3.4 Has demand for Aid for Trade increased from partner countries since 2005?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significantly increased	Increased	Little / no change	Declined	Not sure / Not applicable

**If increased, from which countries / regions, and for which Aid for Trade categories / sectors?**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

**If increased, what steps have you taken to strengthen your capacity to respond to increasing demand for Aid for Trade from partner countries? Tick the box of all that apply:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased aid resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened in-house trade expertise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved training, tool-kits and/or guidelines for Aid for Trade programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased awareness among policy-makers and practitioners at the HQ and the field
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened political commitment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased coordination among donors (e.g. joint assessment, joint delivery, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please feel free to add other steps you have taken</i>

***Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to mainstreaming and ownership.***

### Working with Others: Harmonisation and Alignment

**Q3.5 In how many of the partner countries you support, have you contributed to the following joint donor initiatives?**

	< 10%	10-30%	> 30%
Joint needs assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade strategy formulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint monitoring and evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Delegated cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Q3.6 Do you have a specific approach to South-South and/or trilateral cooperation in Aid for Trade?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure/Not applicable
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**If yes, what are its key elements or particular focuses?**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

**Q3.7 How much of your Aid for Trade is aligned with your partners' country systems (based on your best estimate)?**

<input type="checkbox"/> less than 25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75%	<input type="checkbox"/> above 75%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable
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*Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to harmonisation and alignment.*

## 4 MONITORING RESULTS, EVALUATION AND MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**Q4.1 Does your Strategy include specific monitoring and evaluation guidelines for Aid for Trade programmes?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Specific to Aid for Trade	<input type="checkbox"/> Generic guidelines
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**If you do have specific guidelines, please provide the details of your Aid for Trade M&E framework. How often do you review progress towards your strategy objectives? Who do you report to?**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

n/a

**Q4.2 Do you regularly monitor the potential trade impact of your aid projects / programmes?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure/Not applicable
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**If yes, please describe how.**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

**Q4.3 Do you have plans to improve the evaluation of your Aid for Trade programmes?**

Please describe and exemplify.

**Q4.4** Have you carried out or do you plan to carry out an impact assessment of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes: please indicate when:       No       Not sure/Not applicable

**Q4.5** Do you involve partner country stakeholders in developing measurable objectives/indicators to assess the quality of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes       No       Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe the indicators used.

Please describe and exemplify.

**Q4.6** Have you undertaken joint evaluations of your Aid for Trade with your partner country stakeholders?

Yes       No       Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe when and the results of the evaluation.

Please describe and exemplify.

**Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to monitoring, evaluation and mutual accountability.**

## 5 REGIONAL DIMENSION

**Q5.1** How important is the regional dimension in your Aid for Trade strategy?

Essential element       Important element       Minor element       Not present       Not sure / Not applicable

If essential or important, please describe how your Aid for Trade strategy addresses regional challenges.

Please describe and exemplify.

**Q5.2** Which of the following factors are important for determining whether or not to support particular regions or regional programmes? Please list in the order of importance.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Relevance to ongoing regional trade agreements / negotiations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional proximity / support to neighbouring regional economic integration processes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cultural, linguistic or historical ties with the region

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existence of a viable counterpart at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for assistance from a regional body
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Availability of a clearly defined regional development strategy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geographical concentration of donor activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe</i> 2 Relevance to ongoing regional trade agreements/ negotiations 5 Regional proximity/ support to neighbouring regional economic integration process 7 Cultural, linguistic or historical ties with the region 6 Existence of a viable counterpart at regional level 3 Request for assistance from a regional body 1 Availability of a clearly defined regional development strategy 4 Geographical concentration of donor activities

**Q5.3 By how much has the volume of your regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> By less than 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 5 to 15%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 15 to 30%	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 30%
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**Q5.4 In which assistance categories are you particularly active at regional level?**

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not sure / Not applicable
Training (trade negotiations/WTO rules)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade facilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of cross-border infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity building of regional organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Other, please describe and exemplify*

**Q5.5 What are the most important challenges in implementing regional Aid for Trade?**

Please list in the order of importance.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of (or weak) articulated demands for regional Aid for Trade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of coherence between national and regional priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible lending authorities at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of effective coordination at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Difficulties of monitoring and evaluating results at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible mutual accountability mechanisms at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe and exemplify</i> 4 Lack of articulated demand for regional Aid for Trade 6 Lack of coherence between national and regional priorities 1 Lack of credible lending authorities at regional level 2 Lack of effective coordination at regional level 3 Difficulties of monitoring and evaluating at regional level 5 Lack of credible mutual accountability mechanisms at regional level

**Q5.6 Has the demand for regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?**Significantly  
increased

Increased

Little / no  
change

Declined

Not sure /  
Not applicable**If yes, in which regions and for which activities has it increased the most?**

*Please describe and exemplify.*

***Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to regional Aid for Trade.***