

Sent: 28 May 2009  
From : Timo.Jetsu@ec.europa.eu

Dear Mr Oomen,

Thank you for your message.

As you correctly note, it was agreed in the last meeting of the Civil Society Forum that the next meeting will be held early 2010.

The Commission did explain the situation concerning the budget of 2009 in the meeting but since there seems to be some confusion, let me just repeat it here. Most of the budget for cooperation with civil society for 2009 was used for organising the Civil Society Forum, the remaining part for the Commission initiative "European Action on Drugs". We are happy to provide you with exact figures, if needed, once the budgets have been officially approved.

I hope this clarifies the situation. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

Kind regards,

Timo Jetsu  
On behalf of  
Carel Edwards  
Head of Unit

-----Original Message-----

From: encod.org [mailto:]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 3:24 PM  
To: EDWARDS Carel (JLS)  
Cc: JETSU Timo (JLS)  
Subject: On Civil Society Forum

Dear Carel Edwards,

Hoping you are very fine, we would appreciate if you could give some attention to the following issue and respond to us on the eventual follow up that can be given to it.

During the last session of the CSF in March, it was mentioned that the yearly budget of the Commission for this Forum is 100.000 euro. The cost of organising a meeting of the CSF in its present form is 50.000 euros, so two meetings per year can be organised.

However, on the March meeting the Commission announced that the budget for 2009 was already dried out (after one meeting), and that therefore the next session would be held in the start of 2010. This announcement has generated quite some doubts among the participants.

Can the Commission explain in detail the budgetary situation for 2009, and when we can expect the next Civil Society Forum to take place?

Thanks very much, hope to hear from you and best wishes

Joep Oomen

On behalf of ENCOD, INPUD and UNAD

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