

A Rights Based Approach, encompassing all Human Rights, to EU Development

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What is a RBA?...

- ✓ The RBA is a **working methodology**: 5 working principles applied in all steps of development cooperation programmes
- ✓ Human Rights as a **mean** and as a **goal** of development cooperation.
- ✓ Goes **beyond** Human Rights Programmes and **beyond** Human Rights mainstreaming
- ✓ Add a "**do good**" to the "**do no harm**" principle
- ✓ **Ensures that no-one is left behind** through a systematic focus on the most marginalised
- ✓ Focus on rights-holders and duty-bearers
- ✓ Emphasis on capacity-building

What is the EU position on the RBA?

The EU and the RBA

- ✓ RBA officially adopted by the EU for its development cooperation in 2014:
 - **Tool-box as Commission SWD** adopted on 30 April 2014
 - **Council Conclusions** adopted on 19 May 2014
 - **New Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (2015-2019)** "Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda" (April 2015)
- ✓ Implementation is on-going. Internal capacities are being built.
- ✓ Progressive policy alignment



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Any questions?