

*"European Development Days are the symbol of Europe's determination to keep its promises in the fight against poverty in the world. They confirm Europe's role not only as the frontrunner in provision of development assistance, but also as the leader of international reflection on cooperation."*



**LOUIS MICHEL**  
EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT  
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The third edition of the European Development Days will be held at the Strasbourg Music and Conference Centre from 15 to 17 November 2008.

Strasbourg, home to the European Parliament and a range of international organisations, is a two thousand year-old city on the UNESCO world heritage list. Its vibrant and cosmopolitan way of life is internationally appreciated.

How to get there :

[http://www.eudevdays.eu/Public/practical\\_en.html](http://www.eudevdays.eu/Public/practical_en.html)



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**The local dimension of development**



*„Think globally, act locally“. In development cooperation we are even more ambitious. We work to empower our regional and local partners to take matters into their hands. We encourage and support ownership by*

*the people in communities and at regional level – wherever feasible. Effective development cooperation is best based on teamwork among equal partners. Women are often agents of change in their societies. No society can afford to disregard the potential of women who constitute 50 percent of its population. Empowering women and making their contributions more visible is therefore a special focus of Austrian Development Cooperation.*

**URSULA PLASSNIK**  
AUSTRIAN FEDERAL MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN  
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The carbon emitted by the conference is offset through the funding of environmental projects. Each participant is urged to adopt this sustainable approach.



**Strasbourg**  
**15-17 November 2008**



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Everyone has a say at European Development Days: administrations, parliaments, local authorities, civil society, international organisations, academics, development agencies, the private sector and the media. It is an open forum that brings together the whole development family.

Devdays offers an informal and stimulating exchange of views between players whose opinions may differ, but who share the same commitment to realizing a dream: a world of peace and social progress for all.

*"Ubuntu says that a person is a person through other persons. There is no way in which you are going to be able to enjoy your prosperity on your own. The only way we will ever be safe and secure is together."*

DESMOND TUTU  
EDD 2006, BRUSSELS



European Development Days 2008 is the third largest event in the European Commission's calendar. Each year Devdays hosts some 3000 participants from every continent, representing over 1200 organisations in the development community.

## Dialogue and comparison



Comparing analyses, benchmarking results, making the most of diversity and creating synergy: this approach is at the heart of the European project. It is applied to development cooperation during Devdays.

By breaking down barriers between different actors, the European Development Days serve as a natural platform for debating the major issues of development cooperation and launching new initiatives.

## Sharing ideas



*"Effective solutions are going to require an unprecedented level of cooperation, and often between people and groups that do not usually come together on these issues."*

KOFI ANNAN  
EDD 2007, LISBON

## Development Village



European Development Days represent a unique opportunity to meet, share ideas and launch innovative partnerships.

Equipment and facilities are available for bilateral meetings or working sessions.

