

Critical Study Of The Logical Framework Approach In The Basque Country

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BACKGROUND AND PRESENTATION

Since 1999 ECODE has been working on supporting the management of Development Cooperation interventions in the Basque Autonomous Community (BAC) by the multiple agents that are involved in this sector, including public administrations, Development NGOs and organisations in the South. During this time it has had the chance to strengthen the use of the Logical Framework Approach by all these entities, including its effects (positive and on occasions not so positive) on the planning and management of the interventions based on it.

ECODE has also collaborated with the Basque Government's Head Office of Development Cooperation for the development of its presentation and justification forms for its interventions, Projects, Programmes and Humanitarian Action for Development Cooperation carried out by Development NGOs. In addition, it has worked with a number of Basque entities supporting similar services. As a result, we have been able to see the multiple models there are for planning and formulating interventions, eminently based on the Logical Framework, and the consequences that this has for Development NGOs when applying for and justifying subsidies before various entities for their Development Cooperation interventions.

Finally, thanks to its work, ECODE has been in contact with realities outside the BAC (state, European, global) where steps are being taken, though still uncertain, to revise the Logical Framework and its materialisation in planning tools, presentation and monitoring forms, trying to find valid alternatives to it.

It is in this context where the opportunity of contributing towards this debate on the Logical Framework Approach and its use has been detected in this study, trying to offer it from an eminently practical perspective focused, mainly, on the reality of the BAC. Specifically, this paper has been the work of Nerea Lopetegui and Pedro Surja, both consultants at ECODE.

To this end there has been fundamental support from the Basque Government's Head Office of Cooperation, within the framework of its commitment to research and to the continuous improvement of Development Cooperation quality, without which this study would not have been possible.

Euskal Fondoa and the Development NGO Coordinator of the Basque Country have also been involved in the study, with both entities contributing ideas concerning the form and content of the study, in addition to facilitating contact with Development NGOs and public entities that participated in it. We are particularly grateful to all the Development NGOs and public entities that have kindly agreed to answer all the questionnaires and which attend the interviews proposed by the research team, dedicating part of their tight agenda to this study. •

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