

Linking PBA to EU integration

And the other way around!

State of play

- Defining the concepts
- What of the PBA and the SWAp is applicable to the EU Accession agenda?
- Is there a contradiction between long term development goals and implementation of the EU Accession and the IPA?
- Or will EU Integration objectives strengthen long term development objectives?
- Should there be a "central" decision on which sectors to focus on for the PBA Application?
- What could be the advantages of basing IPA programming on national sector programmes?
- How to link the EU Acquis chapters to national institutional sector responsibility?

Main challenges

- Safeguarding the focus of IPA on EU Accession agenda
- How to link the Acquis to national development plans, sector policies, MIPDs?
- Lack of sustainable capacity in government administration
- Lack of a common understanding of the concepts of PBA, sector approaches and aid effectiveness

Good practice

- One coordinated cross-cutting structure that covers ALL government development priorities (both EU Integration and other development) with a strategy captured in one central document.
- Coordinated and consistent monitoring mechanism including top political representation
- Ministry of Finance commitment and involvement ensuring adequate integration to the government's planning and budget process
- Political backing and accountability throughout government structures
- Capacity to implement. Readiness. Institutional maturity

Key Issue

- Aid effectiveness and sustainability of IPA in doubt
- Capacity restrictions and implementation of the Accession agenda best solved in an integrated development agenda

Next steps

- Identification of sectors/policy areas, individually for each country, suitable for PBA and reflection in next MIPDs.
- Continued exchange between recipient countries on application of PBA and sector approaches
- Intensified work on a toolkit with practical guidance on how to apply PBA in an enlargement context.
- Extended training on PBA and SWAp and its link to aid effectiveness in an enlargement context.