EU presidencies

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Opportunities

- full membership of EU
  ◦ Take responsibility
  ◦ Commit
  ◦ Add own topics to agenda

- build your capacity
- raise your profile
- possibilities for impact
Preparation

- start early (never too early)
- build networks in national and international levels
- focus in limited number of topics
- choose the topics where you have something to contribute (international level) but which are own by many
- 6 months are REALLY short – focus what you can really do during that time
- choose topics which you are working already and are committed to work after presidency too
Lessons learnt from Finnish 2006 presidency

- Build networks: cso-network, MFA-Kehys
- Link it to your networks works (CONCORD etc.)
- Find the topics which unite: policy coherence for development (trade, environment...)
- Believe your dreams: the bottom of development education consensus
Thank you!

- Kehys will host Finnish CSO presidency project 2019
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