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## **Humanitarian Roundtable Spain** **Friday, 13 March 2015, 09.00 – 14.00**

Venue: **Cáritas Española**, C/ Embajadores, 162, 28045 Madrid

This Roundtable will bring together NGOs active in humanitarian aid from Spain and Europe with other relevant actors. This event would like to contribute to moving ahead on some of the most pertinent humanitarian topics currently under debate in the EU. This presents a good opportunity to examine links between EU and national reality as relates to humanitarian policy and practice; and to foster the engagement of NGOs towards the upcoming World Humanitarian Summit.

**09.00 – 09.15: Registration of the participants**

**09.15 – 09.30: Introduction session**

Welcome by Maïte Serrano Director, CONGDE and Nicolas Borsinger, President VOICE

**9.30 – 11.15: The EU Aid Architecture: Opportunities and challenges**

*The panel will present different views on the current EU aid architecture, as well as working priorities for 2015. Offering perspectives from the EU institutions coupled with views from the NGOs will provide the audience with a comprehensive understanding of the European framework and its current challenges.*

Chair: Cecilia Delaney, IECAH

The Commission perspective: *Johannes Luchner, Adviser to Director General, ECHO*

The Spanish government perspective *Manuel Sanchez Montero, MFA Spain*

The INGOs perspective: Advocacy priorities, *Ester Asin, Save The Children EU Office*

➤ Q & A

*Coffee break 11.15*

**11.45 – 13.45: The World Humanitarian Summit: what's next after the EOG consultation**

*The panel will discuss around the key outcomes of the EOG consultation, the role of the NGOs and Civil Society all the way through, the importance of the EU in the process and the critical points to be taken forward.*

Chair: Kathrin Schick, VOICE

Anne Street (*CAFOD, UK*), Robert Smith (*WHS Secretariat*), Lara Contreras (*Oxfam Intermon*)

➤ Interactive discussion on Spanish views toward the WHS

**13.45 – 14.00: Closing**

Carmen Cabota, Humanitarian group coordinator CONGDE

Nicolas Borsinger, President VOICE

Please register [here](#)

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