The Partnership Fair is organised by Südwind, VIDC, the Karl-Renner-Institut and AVP within the transnational EU project CoMiDe - Initiative for Migration & Development.

The Partnership Fair is divided into 4 subsequent phases:

**Phase 1:** Presentation of Good Practices on Migration & Development

**Phase 2:** The participating organisations are given the chance to get to know each other through “Speed Dating”

**Phase 3:** At the interactive market place the participants are given the opportunity to find other organisations with which they may work, according to their fields of activities, identify possible partners through the method of “Topical Dating”

**Phase 4:** In line with their interests and working areas the participants gather in small working groups to further explore and establish partnerships between development and Diaspora organisations.

An online platform for further networking between M&D actors will be launched as follow up of the Partnership Fair; it will be open for both development and Diaspora organisations as well as interested individuals to join.

The initiated partnerships will be accompanied by the CoMiDe-Team according to the needs of the involved organisations and throughout the year 2013.

**Organisers**

The AVP is an alliance of African communities in Austria and was founded in 2009. Today, AVP comprises more than 40 active partner organisations. The main goal of AVP is to link African communities in order for them to be more efficient in their efforts, including capacity building initiatives. The AVP also functions as a networking platform and lobbying organisation for African communities in Austria. Campaigns like “Ke Nako Afrika – Afrika jetzt!” (www.kenako.at) or “Mut zum Wandel” should provide positive images of Africa and African migrants in Austria and Europe.

VIDC and Südwind are currently active in the European project CoMiDe - Initiative for Migration and Development. CoMiDe aims to enhance coherent migration and development policies at the European level and in four European countries. Furthermore its objective is to initiate cooperation between development NGOs, migrant organisations and communities in Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia and Austria. More information: www.ComiDe.net

The Karl-Renner-Institut is the political academy of the Austrian Social Democratic movement. Besides a broad range of activities it is involved in educational work on an international level and organizes workshops and individual consultations in order to support local political work, to sound and discuss various positions on controversial political topics and to impart background information relevant to recent political questions and developments.