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# Challenges for making aid work better

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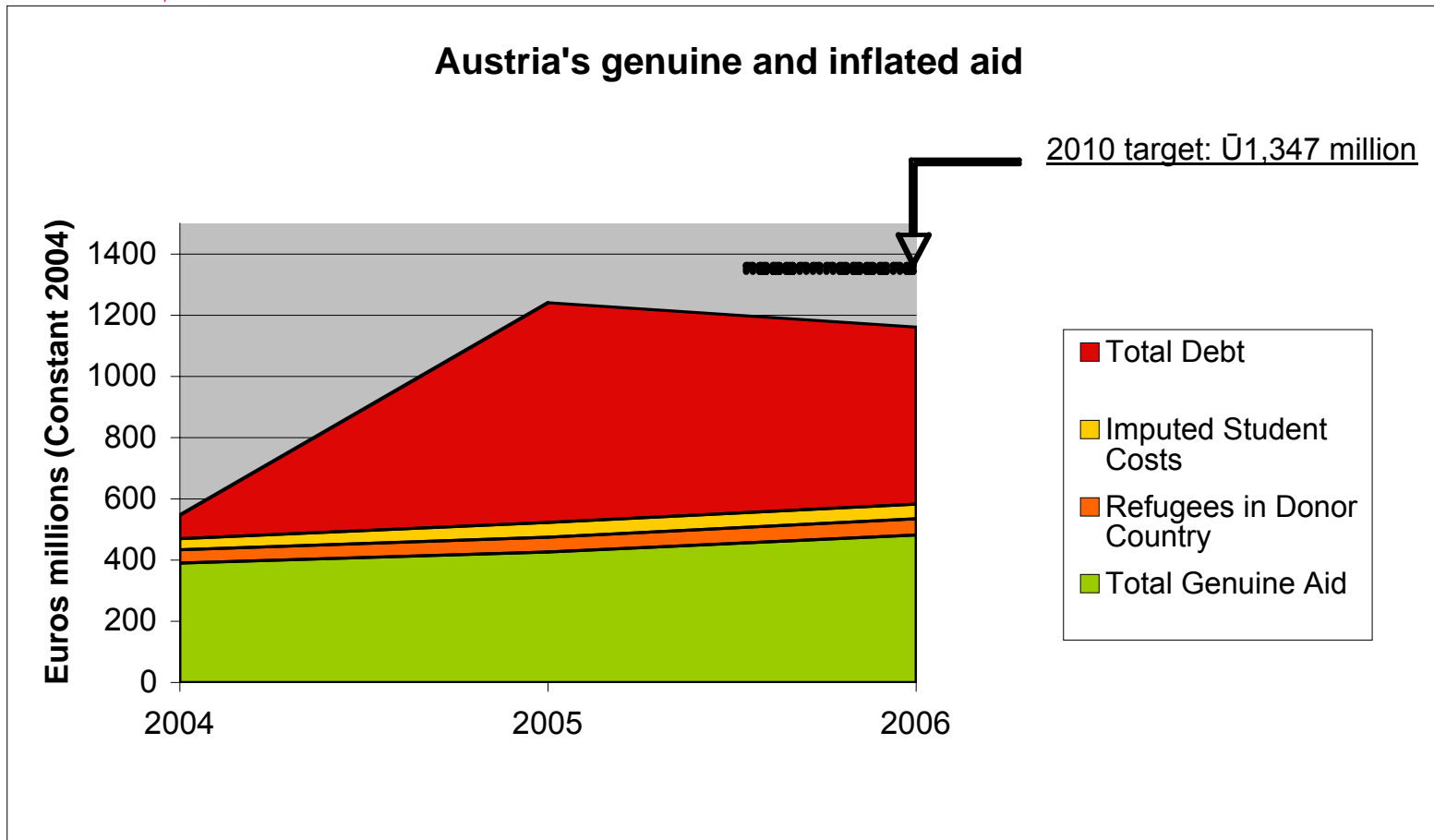
The Paris declaration and its implementation

Lucy Hayes  
Oefse Conference  
Vienna, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007



# What aid are we talking about?

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# Not handing over the stick

- Ownership more rhetoric than reality
- Conflicting understanding of concepts of ownership:
  - Example: ownership indicator



"Are you back or front seat driving?"



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# Continued conditions

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- Too many conditions in Performance Assessment Frameworks
- Political conditions included in MoUs



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# Ideas to shift power imbalance:

- End use of policy conditionality
- Independent monitoring system to monitor donor performance
- Complaints mechanism e.g. World Bank inspection panel



(FT of London, 27/27.08.2000)



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# Additional steps: Improve transparency

1. By closing information gap:  
choice to recipient countries

2. Accountability for  
commitments:

- Paris monitoring survey: report transparently against targets
- Clean up aid reporting to increase real aid

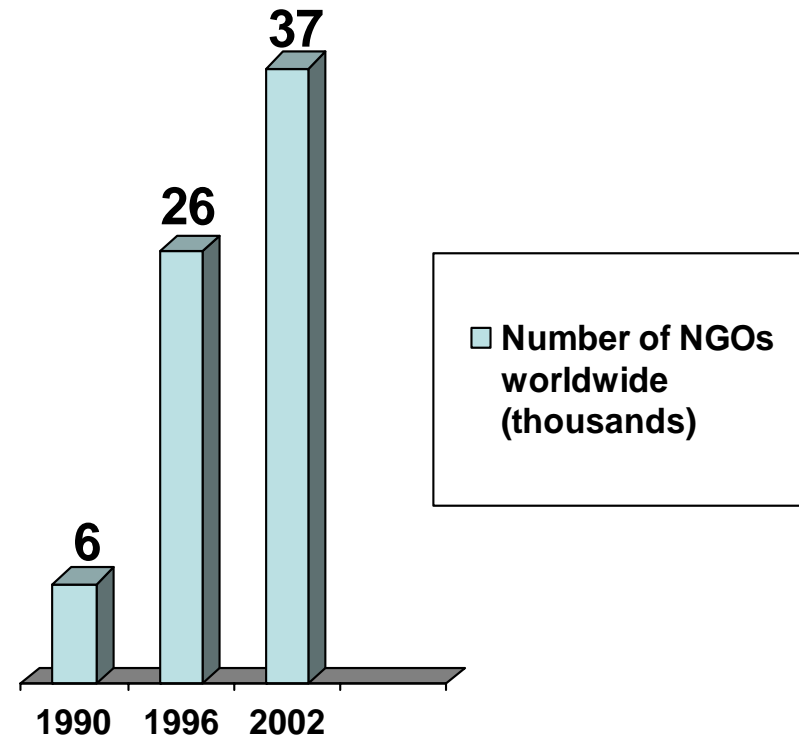




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# Contributions of CSOs to aid effectiveness

- Growing role of CSOs... and subsequent responsibilities
- CIDA advisory group on CSOs and aid effectiveness
- Impact on and relevance of Paris Declaration for CSOs





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# Eurodad research

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- Case study and survey research of whether commitments are being implemented
- What does that mean in practice?
- Final report will be published in early 2008 to feed into discussions in lead-up to Accra.





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# Points for discussion

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1. What will the OECD to improve donor transparency and credibility of monitoring process?
2. Bilateral donors: need to give up control and reduce flag waving.
3. Support for independent accountability mechanisms





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# Thank you

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