Evaluation of EC Conflict Prevention Action and New IfS Regulation
Recommendations - 1

- Strengthen EU position as key player in crisis prevention and peacebuilding

- Strengthen four dimensions of integrated approach:
  - Do no harm
  - Flexible EWS
  - Synergies
  - Coordination mechanisms

- Clarify EU role to be played in conflict countries by focusing on *crisis management* efforts and on tackling the *root causes* directly
Leverage financial weight with non-financial support
Carefully assess relevance of alignment with partner countries priorities in conflict (-prone) or post conflict contexts
Ensure availability of sufficient means
Review procedures to make them more flexible and swifter in deployment
Anticipate operational difficulties in conflict context - timeliness and budget
Strategic objective - Improving crisis prevention and resolution capabilities, preserving peace, preventing conflict and strengthening international security

Scope
Contribute to a comprehensive EU response with regard to conflict prevention and peace-building, crisis management and relevant-security threats. The Instrument has a global reach and is political

Specific objectives
- To provide swift crisis-response in political conflicts and natural disaster situations, complementing humanitarian relief & CFSP/ESDP interventions
- To enhance EU crisis-preparedness, conflict-prevention and peace-building capacity across the board in cooperation with multilateral and civil society actors
- To build capacity to address global and trans-regional security threats
Instrument for Stability - Main Innovations & Changes

- **Increase flexibility for programming and implementation**

  - Allow for the *extension* of Exception Assistance Measures (EAM) of 18-month duration up to maximum of 30 months (2 x 6 months) in duly-justifiable circumstances
  - Allow for a second EAM in cases of *protracted conflict* to build on results of a previous one
  - Increase *ceilings* for EAM from € 20 to € 30 Million

- **Speed of deployment**

  - Empower the Commission to adopt EAM up to 3 Million *without prior information* to Council in exceptional situations of urgency.
  - This will allow EU to deploy initial response measures in *48-72 hours*

*Reference amount* - **2,510 M€ - 65% for crisis response actions**