

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



Recommendations - 2



- 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



Instrument for Stability – Scope and Objectives



- **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