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 partener 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**