

## Member State Meeting Cyprus

Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and the EU

20 June 2013

Home for Cooperation  
28 Marcou Dracou Street, UN Buffer Zone, Nicosia 1102, Cyprus

### Agenda

09:00-09:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09:30-09:45	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>
09:45-10:45	<p><b>The EU, peacebuilding and conflict prevention: state of play</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the state of play regarding the EU's capacity for peacebuilding and conflict prevention two and a half years after the launch of the EEAS, the EU's foreign service.</p> <p>Issues for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the EU be evaluated from a peacebuilding perspective three years after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty?</li> <li>• What are the challenges for the EU to support inclusive peacebuilding and long-term conflict prevention?</li> <li>• How can individual countries inside and outside the EU support the EU in becoming a more effective peacebuilding actor?</li> </ul> <p><i>Chair: Marina Vasilara – Peace Players International</i></p> <p><i>Inputs provided by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Byrne, European External Action Service, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments</li> <li>• Josephine Liebl, EPLO</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open debate</p>
10:45-11:15	<b>Coffee</b>
11:15-13:15	<p><b>The EU as a peacebuilding actor and the role of Cyprus</b></p> <p>This session will develop discussions of the role of the EU as a peacebuilding actor and the way in which Cyprus can bring its experience and expertise into EU policy-making.</p>

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13:15-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15-15:45	<p><b>The EU's role in peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa</b></p> <p>In its review of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2011, the EU has committed to change its approach to the countries in the MENA region, putting engagement with civil society at the heart of its engagement in the region.</p> <p>Issues for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the EU support the development of a healthy state-society relationship?</li> <li>• What measures need to be put in place so that the EU supports the strengthening of accountable institutions?</li> <li>• Will the EU remain a payer rather than a player in MENA and what are the prospects for increased political engagement in the region?</li> </ul> <p><i>Chair: Alexander Apostolides - European University Cyprus</i></p> <p><i>Inputs provided by representatives of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alar Olljum, European External Action Service, Advisor to Managing Director Hugues Mingarelli</li> <li>• Dr. Shareef Ghoneim, NGO Support Centre Egypt</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open debate</p>
15:45-16:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>

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