

## Roundtable A Finnish view on EU peacebuilding and civilian CSDP

**Wednesday, 5 February 2014, 09h00 – 15h15**

Representation of the European Commission in Finland, Malminkatu 16 FI-00101, Helsinki

### Agenda

08.45 – 09.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
09.00 – 10:30	<p><b>Finnish and EU peacebuilding policies – the state of play</b></p> <p>This session will explore the potential of and obstacles to Finland’s and the EU’s support to inclusive peacebuilding and long-term conflict prevention.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Meeri-Maria Jaarva, CMI</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open discussion</p> <p><b>Perspectives from civil society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anisa Doty, Peacebuilding expert</li> <li>• Catherine Woollard, EPLO</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open discussion</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>The EU as a vehicle for collective action in mediation</b></p> <p>Finland focuses on the EU as the main international framework to engage in on foreign policy. Its current government programme also mentions conflict prevention and mediation as priorities for Finnish foreign policy. This session will address how the EU can act as a vehicle for collective action in the field of mediation and the opportunities for Finland to export its mediation expertise and policies to the EU.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do mediation activities fit in EU peacebuilding work?</li> <li>▪ How do the EU and Finland interact with other actors in the mediation field?</li> <li>▪ How can Finland support the EU in becoming a more effective mediation actor?</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Maria Mekri, SaferGlobe</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pia Stjernvall, UN and General Global Affairs Unit, Finnish Ministry of Foreign affairs</li> <li>• Guy Banim, Mediation Support Team, EEAS</li> <li>• Ville Brummer, CMI</li> </ul>

	Followed by an open discussion
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30 – 15:00	<p><b>The 2013 EU summit on CSDP: was the civilian dimension strengthened and where to go from here?</b></p> <p>Finland actively engaged with other Member states to ensure that the civilian dimension of CSDP is discussed during the EU Summit on Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) which took place on 19-20 December 2013. This session will discuss the conclusions of the Summit with regards to the civilian dimension and will look at how it can be strengthened strategically and at an operational level.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Finland's vision for the future of CSDP?</li> <li>▪ Was the CSDP Summit in December 2013 used to support the development of civilian CSDP?</li> <li>▪ Which decisions could be taken on the civilian side to make CSDP more effective?</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b> Anne Palm, KATU</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mikko Kinnunen, Security Policy and Crisis Management Unit, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Nikola Kirilov Yakov, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS</li> <li>• Catherine Woollard, EPLO</li> </ul> <p>Followed by an open discussion</p>
15.00 – 15.15	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p>Anne Palm, KATU</p>

This meeting is part of EPLO's EU Member State Advocacy. The purpose of this work is to mobilise support for EU peacebuilding in the EU's Member States given that they remain key decision-makers in EU policy. The work was piloted under the Civil Society Dialogue Network, which is a three-year project co-funded by the European Union (Instrument for Stability) aimed at facilitating dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policymakers. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).



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