

Roundtable on the EU, Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: What role for Germany?

Tuesday, 29 October 2013
European Commission Representation
Unter den Linden 78
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Agenda

The meeting will be held in English

08h45	Registration
09h00	Welcome and introduction: Ekkehard Forberg, Worldvision Germany
09h10	<p>Session 1: Germany's approach to EU foreign policy: What place for conflict prevention and peacebuilding?</p> <p>Two and a half years after the establishment of the EEAS and DG DEVCO and in the run up to the European Council Summit on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in December, 2013 provides an occasion to assess the ability of the EU to act as a peacebuilding actor in accordance with the Lisbon Treaty commitment to 'preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security' (Article 21.2(c)). While Germany's priorities for and influence of EU foreign policy have been less pronounced in the past, Germany has recently strengthened its engagement in EU foreign policy matters, most notably in CSDP.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Germany view its role in EU foreign policy and how can it strengthen the EU as a peacebuilding actor? • What is the state of play regarding EU conflict prevention and peacebuilding policy and practice? • What are priority areas and suggestions for future development of EU peacebuilding expertise? <p>Chair: Marc Baxmann, FriEnt</p> <p>Short contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Kindl, European Correspondent, German Federal Foreign Office • Andrew Byrne, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments, EEAS • Timothy Baines, Fragility and Crisis Management Unit, DG DEVCO • Martina Fischer, Berghof Foundation <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>

10h45	Coffee break
11h15	<p>Session 2: Strengthening civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) - using the European Council Summit in December 2013</p> <p>The European Council Summit on CSDP in December 2013 provides an opportunity to review and strengthen civilian CSDP. Military CSDP is the focus of extensive debate, sometimes eclipsing the larger civilian dimension. Germany has demonstrated its commitment to civilian CSDP most recently through the publication of a non-paper that includes suggestions on decisions that could be taken by heads of governments in December to improve the effectiveness of civilian CSDP.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Germany's vision for the future of CSDP? • How can the CSDP Summit in December 2013 be used to support the development of civilian CSDP? What decisions could be taken on the civilian side to make CSDP more effective? <p>Chair: Tobias Pietz, ZIF</p> <p>Short contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birgit Loeser, Planning & Methodology, Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability, EEAS • Nina Antolovic Tovornik, Capabilities, Concepts, Training & Exercises Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS • Markus Woelke, Common Security and Defence Policy Division, Federal Foreign Office • Catherine Woollard, EPLO <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>
13h00	End of meeting

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