

Roundtable on the EU and Peacebuilding: What role for the Netherlands?

Thursday, 14 February 2013
Hampshire Hotel Babylon
Bezuidenhoutseweg 53, 2594 AC Den Haag
The Netherlands

Agenda

The meeting will be held in English

13h15	Registration
13h30	<p>Session 1: The role of the EEAS in making the EU more effective in peacebuilding</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the Netherlands assess the EEAS contribution to making the EU more effective in conflict-affected countries, for instance in the MENA region? • How do the Netherlands and the EU evaluate effectiveness in conflict-affected contexts and how do these findings in turn inform policy? • What are priority areas for the mid-term review of the EEAS and what recommendations should be put forward? • Relations between the EEAS and the European Commission, e.g. Reforming EU funding to support peace; budget negotiations and the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) <p>Chair: Mathieu Hermans, IKV Pax Christi</p> <p>Short contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heino van Houwelingen, EEAS • Marijn Noordam, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Wiesje Elfferich, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Josephine Liebl, EPLO <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>
15h00	Coffee break

15h30	<p>Session 2: EU policy towards MENA: supporting inclusive institutional reform</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the EU's revised Neighbourhood Policy, including the more for more approach led to the EU supporting more inclusive institutional reform, for instance in the case of constitutional reform? • How can external actors, such as the EU and the Netherlands, support inclusive reform aimed at establishing a healthy relationship between state and society? • How can the EU engage and cooperate effectively with the League of Arab States to strengthen support for inclusive reform and conflict prevention? <p>Chair: Catherine Woollard, EPLO</p> <p>Short contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alar Olljum, EEAS • Bert Meijerman, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Jan Jaap van Oosterzee, IKV Pax Christi <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>
17h00	End of meeting

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 funded by the European Commission 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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