



**Civil Society Dialogue Network**

**High-Level Seminar**

**Conflict Prevention in the EU Global Strategy:  
From Policy to Action**

Friday 28 October 2016, Hotel Sofitel Europe, Brussels  
09:00 – 15:00

The EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy provides a major opportunity for the EU to close the implementation gap in conflict prevention. This closed-door, invitation only seminar will bring together a small number of high-level representatives of EU institutions, and senior diplomats with top leadership of established peacebuilding organisations and aims to give a new impetus to EU conflict prevention efforts in complementarity with crisis management.

Participants will examine what conflict prevention looks like in practical terms for policy-makers and practitioners, and review how to take forward the work on the EU Global Strategy's implementation and maximise positive outcomes. Participants will also discuss the role of civil society in making the EU more effective at preventing conflict in the short and long term.

This seminar is designed as a space for in-depth conversation: we have asked all participants (and/or their close advisors) to be present from the beginning to the end of this meeting (09:00-15:00) and to read the reflection paper circulated ahead of the meeting. Discussions will be held as informal roundtables under the Chatham House Rule.

## Programme

9:00	<b>Registration &amp; coffee</b>
9:30	<b>Opening remarks: On ambitions</b> Conflict prevention - how do we understand it and what do we want to achieve?
	<b>Conflict prevention illustrated</b> Roundtable discussion exploring a range of positive examples of conflict prevention, looking into the diversity of actors and actions locally.
	<b>The building blocks</b> What does it take for the EU to realise its conflict prevention ambitions? This session will focus on the opportunities and challenges facing EU decision-makers, based on existing policy commitments, resources, instruments, institutional structure and context.
12:45	<b>Working lunch - Group conversations</b> Non-facilitated group conversations on making EU conflict prevention efforts more impactful <i>NB: Lunch is an integral part of the seminar</i>
14:00- 15:00	<b>A reboot for conflict prevention</b> This last session aims to identify practical and actionable ways to make the best use of existing EU policy tools and resources on peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

### **The Civil Society Dialogue Network:**

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