



Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting

The 2015 Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy: A peacebuilding perspective

10 June 2015 (13:00 - 17:00)

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Background

Ten years after its creation, the ENP is undergoing its second review, for which the EEAS and the EC are conducting a consultation based on the EU's Joint Consultation Paper entitled [Towards a new European Neighbourhood Policy](#)

Many of the EU's neighbouring countries are at risk of or affected by conflict (Libya, Syria, Israel/Palestine), including acute crises (Ukraine) and so-called protracted and frozen conflicts (Moldova, South Caucasus). This stocktaking exercise provides a timely opportunity to assess the impact of the ENP since the last review in 2011, and to implement reforms aimed at strengthening the EU's efforts to foster stability, build peace and prevent violent conflict in the Neighbourhood.

Objectives

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for civil society organisations to share their analysis of and recommendations on issues relating to the EU's support for peacebuilding and conflict prevention in its neighbouring countries. It is envisaged that the outcomes of the meeting will contribute to the overall review of the ENP.

The specific objectives are:

- To assess the implementation of the ENP since the last review in 2011 and its contribution to fostering prosperity, security and stability in the European Neighbourhood;
- To provide recommendations for the objectives and scope of a future ENP.

Participants

The meeting will bring together 20-30 participants, including representatives of civil society peacebuilding organisations working in the European Neighbourhood, and officials from both the EC and the EEAS.

Other interested parties, including representatives from the European Parliament (EP), academics and other experts may also be invited to participate.

Format

The meeting will consist of two sessions. Initial presentations from speakers will be followed by an open discussion in which all participants will be encouraged to engage.

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13:00 - 13:30	Registration of participants and light lunch
13:30 - 13:40	Welcoming remarks
13:40 - 15:00	<p>Session 1: Lessons learned from the implementation of the ENP 2011-2015</p> <p>The aim of this session is to assess the implementation of the ENP since the last review in 2011, based on the questions raised in the joint EC-EEAS consultation paper on the future of the ENP.</p> <p>Moderator: Sonya Reines-Djivanides, EPLO</p> <p>Introductory comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madeleine Majorenko, Head of the ENP Division, EEAS - Presentation of the ENP review and the relevant lessons learned as emphasised in the Joint Consultation Paper <p>Followed by an open discussion with participants.</p>
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 17:00	<p>Session 2: Recommendations: how should the ENP address conflicts and crises in the neighbourhood?</p> <p>The aim of this session is to provide peacebuilding recommendations on objectives and scope of a future ENP. It will focus on the overall question: How should the ENP address conflicts and crises in the neighbourhood? Participants will tackle the following specific questions and how to operate them in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can CFSP and CSDP activities be better integrated in the ENP framework? • How can the ENP have a greater role in peacebuilding and confidence-building measures in conflict-affected partner countries? • Should it focus on security sector reform and state- and institution-building activities? If so, how? • Should the ENP be given a strengthened focus on the prevention of radicalisation, countering violent extremism and organised crime? If so, how? <p>Moderator: Catherine Woollard, Independent Diplomat</p> <p>This session will start with comments by Frédéric Schwandt, EEAS ENP Division, on how to achieve closer coordination between ENP and wider CFSP/CDSP activities in a comprehensive manner. It will be followed by an open discussion with all participants.</p>

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