



## Civil Society Dialogue Network Training Seminar

### Advocacy towards the EU on Funding for Peacebuilding

9 & 10 March 2017  
Brussels, Belgium

#### CONCEPT NOTE

##### Learning objectives

- (1) To enable participants to increase their understanding of the EU's external funding programmes and the EU institutions and processes involved in their delivery; and
- (2) To enable participants to develop potential advocacy strategies on EU funding for peacebuilding.

(Please note that this training seminar will not include sessions on how to apply for EU funding or on EU grant management.)

##### Methodology

Preparatory reading, interactive plenary sessions and small group work.

##### Content

A combination of practical and theoretical sessions covering:

- Basic facts on the EU institutions and EU external funding programmes and processes;
- Discussions with EU officials;
- Case studies of past advocacy strategies;
- A group exercise on devising an EU advocacy strategy.

##### Trainers/Facilitators

EPLO staff members, representatives from EPLO member organisations, EU officials and other experts on EU funding for peacebuilding.

##### Target audience

The training seminar is open to representatives from civil society organisations (CSOs) based in Europe or in the EU's partner countries who are interested in undertaking advocacy on EU funding for peacebuilding.

Priority will be given to applicants with professional experience in peacebuilding, EU advocacy and/or EU funding. Accommodation and travel costs for non-Brussels-based participants will be covered.

##### Language

English

#### Civil Society Dialogue Network

The training seminar is conducted in the framework of the Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN), a mechanism for dialogue between civil society and EU policy-makers on issues related to peace and conflict. It is co-financed by the European Union (Instrument for Stability). It is managed by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), a civil society network, in co-operation with the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). The second phase of the CSDN will last from 2014 to 2016. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).