

Civil Society Dialogue Network Meeting

Armed violence and capacities for peace in Iraq: actors, causes, impact and EU responses

**Wednesday 3 December 2014
Martin's Hotel, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels**

Agenda

Simultaneous interpretation Arabic–English/ English–Arabic will be provided

9.00: Introduction to the day

Welcoming remarks: John O'Rourke, European External Action Service (EEAS), and Catherine Woollard, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)

9.15 – 10.45: Session 1 – Armed violence in Iraq: causes and actors (part 1)

Participants' analysis of:

- What are the causes of current armed violence in Iraq?
- Which groups are currently involved in and supporting armed violence?
- Which groups are armed and prepared for violence and/or providing security?
- What are the motivations, composition, and recruitment tactics of these groups?

Moderation: Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

10.45 – 11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00: Session 2 – Armed violence in Iraq: causes and actors (part 2)

Continued, plus:

- What is the likely evolution of armed violence in Iraq? What are most likely scenarios in one year? In three years? What are the best case and worst case scenarios?

Moderation: Maruan El Krekshi, Crisis Management Initiative (CMI)

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30: Session 3 – Capacities for peace; resilience to violence

Participants' assessment of the capacities and initiatives in Iraq:

- To end and resist violence?
- To support peace in the long-term?

- What regional and international capacities exist to end violence and to support peace?

Moderation: Catherine Woollard, EPLO

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30: Session 4 – Response Options for the EU

Current and potential EU activities (summarised by EU officials) to frame the discussion.

Options and overall strategy:

- Windows of opportunity for external actors
- Options for new activities and assessment of the feasibility of different options
- Impact on conflict dynamics, actors and structures of possible new options.

Moderation: Catherine Woollard, EPLO

Closing remarks: John O'Rourke, EEAS

17.30: End of the meeting

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