



## **Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) Policy Meeting: From Combatants to State-builders – Armed Groups in Participatory Peace Processes**

10 February 2012 - Martin's Central Park, Bd Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels

### Agenda

9.00 Arrival

9.10 Welcome and Introduction

*Speaker: Catherine Woollard (EPLO)*

9.15 **SESSION 1: Post-war Security Transition Processes: What role for the international community/EU?**

*Moderation: EPLO*

Véronique Dudouet (Berghof Foundation): Main conclusions and recommendations from the Security Transition Processes Project – followed by Q&A

Comments:

Agus Wandu, (Aceh Institute): EU support to mediation and monitoring of the peace accord in Aceh – followed by discussion/ comments

Florian Qehaja (Kosovo Center for Security Studies): EU support to former combatants after the war in Kosovo through DDR & SSR assistance – followed by discussion/ comments

Susanne Gentz (Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue): Facilitating contact between conflict parties and handling challenges of confidential processes – followed by discussion/ comments

11.00 Tea/coffee break

11.30 **SESSION 2: Roundtable discussion: Lessons learnt and implications for EU support to ongoing and future peace processes**

*Moderation: Hans J. Giessmann (Berghof Foundation)*

Comments: Guy Banim (EEAS - Division for Peacebuilding, Conflict Prevention and Mediation), David Newton (Conciliation Resources), Roxana Cristescu (Crisis Management Initiative), Peter Hedling & Markku Lampinen (EEAS - Crisis Management Planning Department), Pieter Feith (ex-EUSR Kosovo/ International Civilian Representative)

Open Discussion - key questions:

- What are the lessons learnt regarding *how* to engage with armed groups and how can those lessons be useful for the EU?
- What are the advantages of a participatory and holistic approach to peace facilitation and peacebuilding support?
- What implications does the Berghof report have for the EU and how can its findings be applied?
- What capacity does the EU currently have to support political and security negotiations in third countries, and how should it be adapted in the light of new evidence?

13.00 Lunch & End of event