

Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting at Expert Level

EEAS Early Warning tools Organised by the EEAS, EC and EPLO*

9 July 2012 (9:15 to 16:30), Martin's Central Park, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels

Objective:

- Gather expert input into the EEAS Early Warning tools under development, particularly the Early Warning Risk Matrix (EWRM) and the Country Conflict Assessment (CCA).

Structure:

- Expert working meeting under Chatham House rule
- Interactive but strictly facilitated sessions

Background documents:

- Early Warning Risk Matrix
- Introduction to Early Warning Risk Matrix
- Country Conflict Assessment
- Model Early Warning Risk Matrix Country Report
- Questions for participants on Early Warning Risk Matrix (Working Group A)
- Questions for participants on Country Conflict Assessment (Working Group B)

Agenda

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| 08h45 | Registration of participants (Coffee in the meeting room) |
| 09h15 – 09h30 | Welcome and opening remarks Introduction to objectives of the meeting, methodology and role of participants during the day. Catherine Woollard, EPLO |
| 09h30 – 10h00 | Session 1 – Strengthening the EU's ability to anticipate conflict risks: introduction to the development of the EEAS EW system. Introduction to the EEAS EW system under development, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • context in which the new tools are being developed building on existing resources, • expected results and constraints, • next steps to pilot and finalise the system. <p>The session will start with a presentation and will be followed by Q&A.</p> <p>- Jöelle Jenny, EEAS, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Mediation Instruments</p> <p>Moderator: Catherine Woollard, EPLO</p> |
| 10h00 – 11h30 | Session 2 – Early Warning Systems: key lessons Objective: to compare existing EW systems in other organizations and draw key lessons to inform the development of the planned EEAS EW tools. Presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion with participants. Guiding questions for discussion: |

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| | <p>1) <i>What information and analysis inputs go into producing 'warnings' in your system? (i.e. how do you select and verify data sources?)</i></p> <p>2) <i>How do you present and distribute information on warnings to ensure that it is used? (e.g. format used? Narrative reports, scores, ad-hoc personal communications? Targets?)</i></p> <p>3) <i>In your view, what are the key mistakes to avoid in designing an early warning system?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heinz Kruppenacher, swisspeace - Chiara de Franco, King's College London - Jean Michel Bedard, NATO Warning Secretariat <p>Moderator: Catherine Woollard, EPLO</p> |
| 11h30 – 11h45 | Coffee break |
| 11h45 – 13h00 | <p>Session 3 – Development of an EEAS Early Warning Matrix and a Country Conflict Assessment format</p> <p>Objective: to introduce and gather initial input into the format and methodology of the EEAS Early Warning Risk Matrix and the Country Conflict Assessment. The presentation will be followed by a moderated discussion with participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Early Warning Risk Matrix - Terri Beswick, Independent Policy Consultant - Presentation of the Country Conflict Assessment - Heino Van Houwelingen, EEAS, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Mediation Instruments <p>Moderator: Joelle Jenny, EEAS</p> |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | Lunch break |
| 14h00 – 16h00 | <p>Session 4 – Working groups input session</p> <p>Objective: in depth discussion of the two EEAS EW tools (Early Warning Risk Matrix and Country Conflict Assessment). Participants will be split into two working-groups.</p> <p><u>Working group A</u>: Early Warning Risk Matrix Moderator: Terri Beswick, Independent Policy Consultant</p> <p><u>Working group B</u>: Country Conflict Assessment Moderator: Heino Van Houwelingen, EEAS, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Mediation Instruments</p> |
| 16h00 – 16h30 | <p>Reporting back to the plenary and conclusions</p> <p>Moderator: Catherine Woollard, EPLO</p> |

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