

## Civil Society Dialogue Network

Policy Meeting

### Global Peace Index 2014: Peace, Institutions and Assessing Conflict Risk

Monday, 23 June 2014  
 Scotland House  
 Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

A key question for EU policymakers, business, and civil society alike is how can conflict risks be better understood and how can policy and action better mitigate the risks of conflict in order to support peace?

The 2014 Global Peace Index Report, *Measuring Peace and Assessing Country Risk*, developed by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), addresses these questions by compiling evidence and demonstrating the links between conflict risk, institutions and resilience. The meeting will discuss the findings of this year's report and assess their relevance for those working on peace and conflict.

#### Programme:

<b>8h45</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>9h00</b>	<p><b>Peace, Institutions and Assessing Conflict Risk: Implications for the EU</b></p> <p>Presentation of 2014 Global Peace Index Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Steve Killelea, Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics &amp; Peace</i></li> </ul> <p>Reactions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Heino Van Houwelingen, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments, EEAS</i></li> <li>• <i>Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Director Brussels Headquarters, Search for Common Ground</i></li> </ul> <p>Followed by a facilitated debate with all participants</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the overall trends in militarisation, safety and security?</li> <li>• How can conflict risks be better assessed and what are recommendations for the EU in this respect?</li> <li>• How can EU support to institutional reform be used to address and mitigate conflict risks?</li> <li>• What role do institutions play in mitigating conflict risks?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <i>Catherine Woollard, Executive Director, EPLO</i></p>
<b>10h30</b>	<b>Coffee</b>

#### The Civil Society Dialogue Network:

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