

Civil Society Dialogue Network

Member State Meeting Spain

**EU Common Foreign and Security Policy as a
Peacebuilding Tool**

Agenda

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09.30 – 09:45	Registration of participants
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome and opening remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Múgica Inciarte, Head of Communication, Partnership and Social Networks, European Commission Representation in Spain. • Emilio Cassinello, Director General, CITpax. • Catherine Woollard, Executive Director, EPLO.
10:00 – 11:30	Panel 1: The European Union and Peacebuilding after Lisbon: state of play, capabilities and challenges in a context of crisis.
	<p>Chair: Cristina Manzano, FRIDE</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Byrne, EEAS, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation • Alicia Cebada, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid/London School of Economics <p>Comments: Catherine Woollard, EPLO</p> <p>Debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most important changes the Lisbon Treaty introduced in CFSP and CSDP? • Has the Lisbon Treaty strengthen EU's leverage as an actor in international politics? • With the new Treaty, who is more relevant for peacebuilding, the EU or its member states? • What importance gives the Lisbon Treaty to conflict resolution tools such as mediation, arbitration and negotiation? Are these tools sufficiently emphasised? • Is the High Representative of Foreign Affairs the voice of the EU in the world? How well does the EEAS work? • What impact does the current financial crisis have in the EU's peacebuilding and conflict prevention policies and in its ambitions as a peace actor?
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30	<p>Panel 2: Towards a more coherent CFSP: lessons from CSDP missions</p>
	<p>Chair: Tom Morgan, European Parliament Representation in Spain</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Hedling, EEAS, Crisis Management and Policy Planning Directorate (CMPD) • Cdr. Pedro Sánchez Arancón, EEAS, European Union Military Staff (EUMS) <p>Comments: Alain Délétriz, International Crisis Group</p> <p>Debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does EU's comprehensive approach to crisis management and conflict prevention work in practice? How has it worked so far? How can it be strengthened? • What are the challenges in coordinating and cooperating with other actors, including international agencies (UN, NATO) and NGOs on the ground? How can they be overcome? • Is the EU's model of civil-military integration the right one? • What lessons can be learned from EU crisis management? • Will pooling and sharing of military capabilities make the EU more effective? • How does the EU articulate its cooperation with the civil society sector for conflict prevention, crisis management and peacebuilding? How does civil-military cooperation work in practice in these areas in the European Union? • Do European civil society organizations have a role to play alongside the EU in crisis management and peacebuilding? What role? To what extent can they be involved in crisis management projects? What's their added value? Are there any experiences?
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch

15:00 – 16:30	<p>Panel 3: Spain’s Peacebuilding Priorities at the EU</p>
	<p>Chair: Andreu Bassols Soldevila, European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMED)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Gómez Castro, Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director of Security Affairs and Peacekeeping Missions • Alberto de Blas Pombo, Spanish Ministry of Defence, European Union Unit, SubDG of Plans and International Relations, DG of Defence Policy <p>Comments: Sophie Haspeslagh, Conciliation Resources and Chair of EPLO’s Steering Committee</p> <p>Debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the new Spanish Security Strategy, approved by the Spanish government in 2011, match the EU’s CFSP and CSDP in the Lisbon Treaty? • How does Spain interpret the ‘Solidarity Clause’ of the Lisbon Treaty? • How does the Spanish Diplomatic Service engage with the EEAS, could the co-operation be increased? • What role does Spain want to play in peacebuilding in the framework of the EU’s CFSP and CSDP? • How does Spain assess its participation in EU peacebuilding policies and crisis management missions? • How can Spain contribute to make EU peace action more coherent? What concrete capacities does it have to do this?
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emilio Cassinello, CITpax • Catherine Woollard, EPLO