

## **EUAM Ukraine and Effective Security Sector Reform: Input from Civil Society**

**11 September 2014, 15h00 to 18h00**  
**Martins Brussels EU, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels**

A half-day Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) meeting took place on 11 September in Belgium. The objective of the meeting was to support the establishment of the CSDP Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) and contribute to the work of the mission by gathering analysis and recommendations from civil society experts on Ukraine and security sector reform (SSR).

The first session focused on effective SSR in Ukraine. Civil society experts shared their analysis on lessons that can be learned from previous SSR efforts and what specific contributions EUAM Ukraine can make. Apart from highlighting challenges that EUAM Ukraine might face, different stakeholders that the mission should work with were mentioned.

The focus of the second session was the role of civil society in SSR and wider institutional reform in Ukraine. It included a presentation of ongoing civil society activities on SSR in Ukraine which was followed by a discussion on how EUAM Ukraine can co-operate with civil society, as well as how civil society can contribute to the impact of EUAM Ukraine and wider reform efforts.

The meeting brought together approximately 35 participants, including European civil society experts working specifically on peacebuilding in Ukraine, SSR in Ukraine, the role of civil society in SSR and mechanisms for cooperation between CSDP missions and civil society; and EU policy-makers, including from crisis management bodies, EUAM Ukraine, as well as geographic and thematic experts from the EEAS and the European Commission.

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