

## Training seminar on the EU and Peacebuilding

### Evaluation Feedback Forms (Total: 27 forms)

#### 1) Content of the training seminar:

excellent	good	average	poor	very poor
16	11			

**Comments (which sessions were most useful and why? Which sessions did you find less useful and why?):**

**Most useful:**

- Overview of EU institutions and responsibility for CP/PB post Lisbon: 9
- Advocacy case studies: 8 total (Nabucco specifically 3; PBP specifically 2)
- Involvement of resource persons/external speakers: 8 total (Andrew Byrne specifically: 2; Andrew Sherriff specifically: 6)
- Group session on the different EU institutions 6
- Devising an advocacy strategy: 3
- Collecting questions: 2 (BUT: they were not picked up sufficiently afterwards)

**Less useful:**

- Advocacy case studies: 2 (people already have advocacy skills)
- Panel discussion with experts: 2 (confusing and discouraging)
- Nabucco case study as EIB is less of a target for daily work: 1
- Basic facts about EU institutions: 1

#### 2) How would you rate the quality of the background documents that were distributed in advance of the training seminar?

excellent	good	average	poor	very poor
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**Comments:**

- Very useful resource: 8
- Clear analysis: 3

**Suggestion:**

- Improve layout: 3
- Add key EU policy documents: 1
- Add current/ongoing policy processes: 1
- Add background on advocacy at EU level: 1
- More EEAS organigramm copies needed during the seminar: 1

- PPTs in advance (or paper copies): 1
- Preferred to have received more background material: 1
- Mapping that shows the power of one institution in relation to another: 1
- Add links to EU institutions fact sheet:1

**3) How would you rate the overall facilitation of the training seminar and the quality of the presentations?**

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**Comments**

- Knowledge and quality of resource persons: 7
- Clearly structured and facilitated: 3
- Need for a more systematic/organised structure: 1
- Analysing advocacy strategies was not focused enough: 1
- Interactive and friendly: 1

**4) Methodology of the programme:** how did you rate the structure of the training seminar and the methodologies used to engage participants?

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**Comments:**

- Great mix of input and group work: 8
- Group work: 2

**Recommendations:**

- include context document for the specific region/Member State when working groups have to design advocacy strategies: 2
- prepare objectives for analysing advocacy strategy in advance: 2
- include role plays: 1
- including case studies on both specific thematic and specific countries/regions: 1
- more visualisation of results or tasks: 1
- more time: 3 total (first day especially: 1)
- discuss advocacy strategy straight after they each are presented (instead of presenting them all and then discuss): 1
- more interactions with guest speakers would be useful: 1

## 5) Usefulness of the seminar:

How much did you learn at the seminar? Please give examples.

- EU institutions and structure; responsibilities for peacebuilding inside the EU: 14
- Formulating advocacy strategies: 6
- Dynamics between different institutions: 4
- Confusion and disorganisation inside EU institutions : 3
- Importance of Member States in EU decision-making: 2
- Co-operation between EU and civil society: 1
- Need to customise advocacy to different EU actors 1
- Some confusion remains: 1

Will you apply what you learned in your work? Please give examples.

- How to approach the EU: 7
- Developing advocacy strategies: 7
- Dealing with EU delegations: 5
- Advocacy at national level: 4
- Working on specific EU projects: 1
- Supporting EPLO work: 1
- Dealing with CSDP missions: 1

## 6) Please give your suggestions for improving the training seminar or further comments:

More time: extend the seminar to two days: 4

Better coffee (also in the morning) and longer breaks: 3

Nice venue: 1

List with emails of all participants (including officials): 1

Include specific topics, for instance EU funding: 1

Receiving advocacy case studies in writing would be good: 1