

## CSDN Training Seminar in the UK on EU and Peacebuilding

**Thursday, 14 March 2013**

The Grayston Centre, 28 Charles Square,  
London N1 6HT

### Programme

9h00 – 9h30	Welcome and introduction to EPLO
9h30 – 10h30	<p><b>The EU as peacebuilding actor: comparative advantages and challenges</b></p> <p>Objective: Participants will be provided with a general overview of the peacebuilding strengths and weaknesses of the EU, including the important role that Member States such as the UK play in making the EU an effective peacebuilding actor and the different approaches to advocacy in the UK and in Brussels.</p> <p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short inputs on comparative advantages and challenges of the EU, role of the UK in EU peacebuilding policy (using UK Power Analysis) and different approaches to advocacy in the UK and Brussels;</li> <li>• Interactive element: Participants contribute with examples of their interaction with EU actors in conflict-affected countries;</li> </ul>
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee Break
11h00 – 12h30	<p><b>EU actors with responsibility for peacebuilding</b></p> <p>Objective: Participants will be provided with an overview of the different EU institution and actors with responsibility for peacebuilding (EEAS, EC, EP, EU Delegations, CSDP missions and Member States), be aware of their main characteristics and advocacy entry points. Specific focus will be on EU actors present in conflict-affected countries, such as EU delegations, CSDP missions and EU Special representatives.</p> <p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short input on each institution/actor;</li> <li>• One Flipchart per institution to stay in the room throughout the day;</li> <li>• Interactive element: participants get information about different institutions and have to assign it to the right institution.</li> </ul>
12h30 – 13h15	Lunch
13h15 – 14h45	<p><b>EU presence in conflict-affected countries:</b></p> <p>Presentation of two case studies focusing on EU action in conflict-affected countries</p> <p>Objective: Participants will learn about the interaction between the different EU institutions mentioned above and civil society advocacy on peacebuilding through two cases</p>

	<p>studies</p> <p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation followed by discussion</li> </ul>
14h45 – 15h15	Coffee Break
15h15 - 16h45	<p><b>Advocacy case study: Influencing the EU as a UK peacebuilding organisation</b></p> <p>Objective: Participants will develop an advocacy strategy to influence the EU on a peacebuilding issue including identification of overall context, relevant targets, outputs, alliance strategy and theory of change based on input received in the previous session. Groups could be divided according to either horizontal or country/regional issues:</p> <p>Introduction: Short input on current policy developments at EU level with pertinence to the advocacy case studies: MFF negotiations and the programming of external funding instruments</p> <p>Group work:</p> <p>1) In the negotiations on the next set of external funding instruments, you would like Member States to commit to integrating peacebuilding and conflict prevention as eligible activities in EU development assistance.</p> <p>2) For the next round of country strategy papers negotiated for country X, you would like to ensure that they</p> <p>a) contain a conflict analysis and take into consideration how EU activity may impact on conflict dynamics</p> <p>b) include peacebuilding as an EU priority</p> <p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction in plenary</li> <li>• Small group work to prepare advocacy strategy</li> <li>• Discussion of main elements (no 'traditional' reporting back from working groups!) in plenary</li> </ul>
16h45 – 17h00	Wrap up and end of training seminar

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