

Member State Meeting Ireland
Bringing the experience of the Northern Ireland Peace Process into EU policy-making
Wednesday 17 April 2013

Venue: EU Commission Representation Office
European Union House
18 Dawson Street
Dublin 2, 9AM-4PM

AGENDA

9h00	Registration of participants
9h15	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Glynn, Director, Conflict Resolution Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Catherine Woollard, Executive Director, EPLO
9h30	<p>Session 1: Irish Foreign Policy and the EU: Supporting Peace?</p> <p>Issues to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the state of play regarding the EU and peacebuilding? • What is the role of Ireland in promoting peace in EU foreign policy? • How can Ireland use its Presidency of the Council of the EU to support peace? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Glynn, Conflict Resolution Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade • Andrew Byrne, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments, European External Action Service (EEAS) • Catherine Woollard, EPLO <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p> <p>Chair: Andy Pollak, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies, and Secretary, Universities Ireland and SCoTENS</p>
11h00	Coffee break
11h30	<p>Session 2: Lessons from the Northern Ireland Peace Process</p> <p>Issues to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the lessons learned from the EU's support to the Northern Ireland peace process? • What good practices from the peace process could inform EU internal and external policy? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Colgan, Chief Executive, Special EU Programmes Body

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avila Kilmurray, Director, Northern Ireland Community Foundation <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p> <p>Chair: Bronagh Hinds, Institute for British Irish Studies, Director DemocraShe and member of the Board of Directors of Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation</p>				
13h00	Lunch				
14h00	<p>Session 3: Specific dimension of the peace process and relevance for EU policy: Security Sector Reform (SSR), police reform and transitional justice</p> <p>The different dimensions of the peace process have a particular relevance for several EU external policy areas. For instance, many of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions include SSR and policy reform in their mandate and transitional justice is a pressing issue in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region where the EU engages through its European Neighbourhood Policy.</p> <p>Participants will split into two working groups (one on security sector and policy reform and one on transitional justice). Each theme will be introduced by two speakers and a discussion will follow facilitated by a chair.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Security sector and police reform</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Transitional justice</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Donnelly, Former Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board • Veronica Cody, Head of Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS <p>Chair: Edward Burke, Associate Researcher FRIDE, St Andrews University</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoffrey Corry, Dialogue facilitator, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation • Laura Davis, Senior Associate, EPLO <p>Chair: Dr Ken McDonagh, Director of the BA International Relations Programme, Dublin City University</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Security sector and police reform	Transitional justice	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Donnelly, Former Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board • Veronica Cody, Head of Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS <p>Chair: Edward Burke, Associate Researcher FRIDE, St Andrews University</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoffrey Corry, Dialogue facilitator, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation • Laura Davis, Senior Associate, EPLO <p>Chair: Dr Ken McDonagh, Director of the BA International Relations Programme, Dublin City University</p>
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15h00	<p>Session 3 continued</p> <p>A summary of the conclusions of the working groups will be provided in the plenary followed by a facilitated discussion.</p> <p>Chair: Ian White, International Programme Director, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation</p>				
15h45	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Woollard, EPLO • Colette Nkunda, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation 				
16h00	End of meeting				

This meeting is part of EPLO's EU Member State Advocacy. The purpose of this work is to mobilise support for EU peacebuilding in the EU's Member States given that they remain key decision-makers in EU policy. The work was piloted under the Civil Society Dialogue Network, which is a three-year project funded by the European Commission aimed at facilitating dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policymakers. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).