

Member State Meeting UK

Conflict prevention and the EU: what role for the UK?

**Tuesday 30 April 2013
(11h00 – 15h30)**

St Matthew's Conference Centre
20 Great Peter Street, Westminster
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Trevelyan Hall

Agenda

11h00	Welcome and introduction
11h15	<p>Session 1: The role of the EEAS in conflict prevention and peacebuilding</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where within the EU - including the EU's and Member States' institutions, policies and tools - do comparative advantages lie regarding conflict prevention and peacebuilding? • What are the current obstacles to the EU becoming more effective in conflict prevention and peacebuilding and how can the UK support the EU in overcoming them by e.g. bringing its experience of BSOS into EU policy-making? • How can current policy developments, such as the mid-term review of the EEAS or the upcoming Communication of the Comprehensive Approach to External Action be used to increase the effectiveness of the EEAS regarding conflict prevention and peacebuilding? • What should be the EEAS' priorities regarding conflict prevention? <p>Chair: Phil Vernon, Director of Programmes, International Alert</p> <p>Interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of Division, Division for Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Mediation Instruments, EEAS • Julie Scott, Head Conflict Prevention Team, Conflict Department, FCO • Catherine Woollard, Executive Director, EPLO <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>

13h00	Lunch
13h45	<p>Session 2: Supporting conflict prevention and peacebuilding through EU development assistance</p> <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can development assistance be most effective in conflict-affected countries and where do comparative advantages lie within the EU - including the EU's and Member States' institutions, policies and tools - in this respect? • What are the implications of the World Development Report 2011 and the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States for EU policy towards conflict-affected countries? • What are the barriers to the EU's implementation of these principles? • How can the UK support the EU in implementing the abovementioned principles, through e.g. joint programming of EU development assistance? <p>Chair: David Newton, Director of Policy, Practice and Communications, Conciliation Resources</p> <p>Interventions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kornelia Kiss, Project Officer, European Commission, DG Development and Cooperation EuropeAid, Fragility and Crisis Management • Claire Vallings, Governance Adviser, Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department (CHASE), DFID • Andrew Sherriff, Head of Programme EU External Action, ECDPM • Paul Murphy, Director, Saferworld <p>Followed by a facilitated discussion</p>
15h30	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](#).