



## Civil Society Dialogue Network

### The European Union as a Global Peace Actor: Exchange of views on the EU and conflict prevention

Friday 25 May 2018 (8:30 – 13:00)  
Scotland House Conference Centre  
Rond-Point Robert Schuman / Robert Schumanplein 6, Brussels

#### Purpose of the meeting

The overall objective of the meeting is to create space for an informal discussion on the EU's capacity as a global peace actor between the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission (HR/VP), senior EU officials and the top leadership of established peacebuilding civil society organisations. The specific objectives are to:

- Present and discuss the EU commitments and achievements on conflict prevention and peacebuilding, including the driving actions within the EEAS and the European Commission on the basis of an integrated approach;
- Discuss common challenges and opportunities faced by peacebuilding practitioners;
- Discuss the way forward for the EU and what role for civil society organisations.

#### Draft Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	<b>Welcome and coffee</b>
9:00-10:00	<b>Session 1 – The EU as a global actor on conflict prevention: from policy to action</b>  Keynote speech by Federica Mogherini, HR/VP about the achievements and commitments of the EU to prevent violent conflicts and build sustainable peace.  Followed by an informal and interactive discussion with participants.  Facilitated by EPLO
10:00-10:30	<b>Coffee break / Group picture</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>Session 2 – Building sustainable peace in partnership</b>  Following from the earlier session, participants will exchange on how best civil society organisations and the EU, as partners, can mitigate conflict and build sustainable peace.  Facilitated by EPLO
12:00-13:00	<b>Networking lunch</b>

#### The Civil Society Dialogue Network

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) is a mechanism for dialogue between civil society and EU policy-makers on issues related to peace and conflict. It is co-financed by the European Union (Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace). It is managed by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), a civil society network, in co-operation with the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). The third phase of the CSDN will last from 2017 to 2020. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).