



Civil Society Dialogue Network

Training Seminar: ‘Peacebuilding Advocacy towards the EU’

19-23 April 2021, 11:00 – 12:30 CEST (UTC+2)
Online

Agenda

The European Peacebuilding Liaison Office has been running training seminars as part of the Civil Society Dialogue Network for many years. This year’s edition, like the one in June 2020, will take place as an interactive online seminar. The objectives are to:

- Increase participants’ capacity to influence the EU in conflict prevention/peacebuilding (CPPB) through understanding EU processes, mechanisms and entry points;
- Develop advocacy skills towards the EU specific to participants’ work;
- Promote networking, exchange between participants, EPLO staff, EU officials.

Places are limited and participants are expected to participate in all five sessions, which are each 90 minutes long. The online seminar uses a range of software and techniques to ensure interaction between participants, resource people and speakers. No prior experience of the software is necessary. Participants will be sent course material to read in preparation for the seminar.

Monday 19 April 2021	Day 1: Introduction and Expectations
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Presentation of the training seminar</p> <p>Participants introductions and interactive exercises</p> <p>Identifying participants’ priorities</p> <p>Familiarising participants with the technologies used</p>
Tuesday 20 April 2021	Day 2: EU Peacebuilding Actors
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Presentation and interactive discussions:</p> <p>How do the EU institutions understand CPPB?</p> <p>What are the key EU peacebuilding actors?</p> <p>(Optional networking session)</p>
Wednesday 21 April 2021	Day 3: View from inside the institutions I
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Advocacy tips from inside the institutions I</p> <p>Presentations from EEAS officials, with geographic and thematic mandates on:</p> <p>‘How to be an effective advocate – the view from this side of the table’</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariko PETERS, Policy Officer, Early Warning and Conflict Prevention, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service • Ciara O'BRIEN, Team Leader, Republic of Moldova and Georgia, Eastern Partnership bilateral relations, European External Action Service <p>Interactive discussions</p>
Thursday 22 April 2021	Day 4: View from the institutions II
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Advocacy tips from inside the institutions II</p> <p>Presentations from EEAS/EC officials, CPPB related mandates on:</p> <p>'How to be an effective advocate – the view from this side of the table'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sébastien BABAUD, Programme Manager, Crisis response, Conflict Prevention and Peace Building, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission • Pavla DANISOVA, Policy Officer, Early Warning System and Conflict Prevention, Peace Mediation and Dialogue, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service <p>Interactive discussions</p>
Friday 23 April 2021	Day 5: Influencing the EU institutions, best practices
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Influencing the EU institutions: Learning from best practice and lessons learnt from past and ongoing advocacy strategies</p> <p>Tips from NGO advocate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuuli RATY, EU Policy and Advocacy Officer, Saferworld <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>(Optional networking session)</p>

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 fourth phase of the CSDN will last from 2020 to 2023. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).