



Civil Society Dialogue Network

Online Training Seminar on Peacebuilding Advocacy towards the EU

Programme overview

4 June 2020

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, planned for March 2020 in Brussels, has been re-designed as an interactive online seminar. The objectives remain the same, 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.

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| Monday 22 June 2020 | 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 23 June 2020 | 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> |
| Wednesday 24 June 2020 | 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/EC officials, with geographic and thematic mandates on:</p> <p>'How to be an effective advocate – the view from this side of the table'</p> <p>Interactive discussions</p> |

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| Thursday 25 June 2020 | 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> <p>Interactive discussions</p> |
| Friday 26 June 2020 | 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> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p>Conclusions: Successful EU advocacy includes....</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](#).