



## **Civil Society Dialogue Network Funding Instruments Meeting**

# **Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026 for the Thematic Programme on Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI-GE)**

**3 October 2024**

**Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont**  
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## **CONCEPT NOTE**

### **Background**

The European Commission's (EC) Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and the European External Action Service's (EEAS) Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management Directorate (PCM) are currently preparing the Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026 for the [Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe \(NDICI-GE\) Thematic Programme on Peace Stability and Conflict Prevention \(TP on PS&CP\)](#). In this context, they have asked the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) to organise a [Civil Society Dialogue Network \(CSDN\) Funding Instruments Meeting \(FIM\)](#) in order to gather civil society input into the process.

### **Objectives**

The overall objective of this meeting is to gather input from representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs) and other actors in order to contribute to reflections on the drafting of the Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026 for the Thematic Programme on Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI-GE).

It will also provide CSO representatives and other actors with opportunities to ask questions about the implementation of the NDICI-GE Thematic Programme on Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention to the EEAS and European Commission officials who are responsible for it.

### **Format**

The meeting will take place in person. The meeting will consist of a combination of plenary sessions and small group discussions.

### **Participants**

The meeting will bring together approximately 100 participants, including representatives of CSOs, international organisations and EU Member States' (MS) implementing agencies, and EU officials,

namely EEAS, FPI as well as from the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) and the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR).

**Language**

The meeting will be held in English.

**Outputs**

Minutes of the meeting will be shared with all participants and published on the EPLO website.

## DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 – 09.30	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
09.30 – 09.45	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonya Reines-Djivanides – Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</li> <li>• Jesper Pedersen - Head of Unit, FPI.2 European Commission</li> </ul>
09.45 – 11.00	<b>Session 1: State of play of the Annual Action Programme 2024 and initial thoughts on the Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026</b>  Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaëlle Nizery – Team Leader, FPI.2 European Commission</li> <li>• Maria Rosa Sabbatelli - Head of Unit, FPI.1, European Commission</li> <li>• Melis Sandrine Alguadis – Policy Officer, PCM.1 European External Action Service</li> </ul> Q&A  <i>Facilitator: Sonya Reines-Djivanides, EPLO</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30 – 13.00	<b>Session 2: Small group discussions on priority areas for the Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026</b>  <b>Small group A (plenary room 1) – <i>Localisation and citizen engagement to enhance conflict prevention and early action</i></b>  <i>Facilitator: Hilde Deman, Search for Common Ground</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are <b>good practices</b> in ensuring meaningful citizen engagement in conflict prevention efforts at both local and national levels?</li> <li>• What key <b>challenges</b> do CSOs face in engaging in localisation initiatives for conflict prevention in the NDICI-GE Thematic Programme, and what should the European Commission and EEAS prioritise to better support these efforts?</li> <li>• How can citizen-driven and localised approaches be effectively integrated into early conflict prevention strategies, and what <b>innovative</b> models demonstrate their potential to strengthen conflict prevention and early action?</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Small group B (breakout room 1) – Maritime security and mediation</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Jibecke Joensson, CMI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the <b>best practices</b> for enhancing maritime security through the integration of dialogue, mediation, and conflict prevention mechanisms, in combination with diplomatic efforts?</li> <li>• What are the key <b>challenges</b> related to maritime security in conflict-prone regions, and how can these be addressed by the Commission and the EEAS with the support of CSOs in the upcoming Multiannual Action Programme?</li> <li>• Which factors lead to <b>innovative</b> examples of CSO-driven mediation projects in maritime security issues within fragile contexts?</li> </ul> <p><b>Small group C (breakout room 2) – Critical raw materials and natural resources management in fragile contexts</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Nic Hailey, International Alert</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are <b>good practices</b> in promoting transparent and sustainable management of critical raw materials in fragile or conflict-affected areas?</li> <li>• What key <b>challenges</b> do CSOs face in engaging with the NDICI-GE Thematic Programme on natural resource management in fragile contexts and in developing programmes on natural resource management in fragile contexts, and how can the Commission and EEAS better support their efforts to promote peacebuilding?</li> <li>• How can natural resource management <b>innovatively</b> promote peacebuilding in vulnerable regions and strengthen originative CSO-led initiatives that successfully mitigate conflict risks related to raw materials?</li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00 – 15.30	<p><b>Session 2 continued: Small group discussions on priority areas for the Multiannual Action Programme 2025-2026</b></p> <p><b>Small group D (plenary room 1) – Women, Peace and Security agenda: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Terri Beswick, PAX Netherlands</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are <b>good practices</b> to effectively leverage the WPS agenda in order to prevent and counter violent extremism in fragile contexts, particularly with a view to its upcoming 25th anniversary?</li> <li>• What are the specific <b>challenges</b> faced by women in preventing violent extremism, and how can the Commission and EEAS support CSOs in helping women to address these challenges?</li> <li>• What elements should the Commission and the EEAS prioritise in designing WPS-related interventions to elevate <b>innovative</b> examples of CSO initiatives that have empowered women and to support women-led and feminist organisations to lead or participate in efforts to prevent violent extremism?</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Small group E (plenary room 2) – <i>Climate, Peace and Security agenda: Strengthening the linkages between community-based approaches and national/regional efforts</i></b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Peter Marsden, Concordis International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the <b>best practices</b> for supporting CSOs in bridging the gap between grassroots climate action and larger-scale peace and security frameworks, and how can their efforts be most effectively enhanced?</li> <li>• What <b>challenges</b> should the EU address to strengthen the linkages between community-based and national/regional approaches to the Climate, Peace, and Security agenda, and what should be prioritised to overcome them?</li> <li>• Can you share examples of community-based efforts that have <b>innovatively</b> contributed to or were effectively integrated in national or regional climate, peace, and security strategies?</li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16.00 – 16.45	<p><b>Session 3: Report back from small group discussions and plenary exchange on possible identified recommendations</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Lorenzo Conti, EPLO</i></p>
16.45 – 17.00	<p><b>Closing Remarks and Wrap-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonya Reines-Djivanides – Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</li> <li>• Katariina Leinonen – Head of Division, PCM.1 European External Action Service</li> </ul>

#### **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 (Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe). 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 fifth phase of the CSDN will last from 2023 to 2026. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).

