



## Civil Society Dialogue Network<sup>1</sup>

### Training Seminar on Peacebuilding Advocacy towards the EU

8-9 March 2018 (9.00 – 17.00)

Best Western Park Hotel, Avenue de l'Yser, 21, Brussels

#### Concept Note

##### **Learning objectives:**

The training seminar will analyse the EU's institutional capacity regarding conflict prevention and peacebuilding. It will enable the participants to increase their understanding of the EU as a foreign policy actor, learn about obstacles and potential of the EU to do effective peacebuilding and provide them with concrete examples of advocating for more effective policies and programmes on conflict prevention and peacebuilding at EU level.

The training seminar will not address EU funding opportunities but will focus on EU policy on peace and conflict and advocacy towards the EU on these issues.

##### **Methodology:**

The seminar will consist of interactive plenary sessions and small group work.

##### **Trainers/Facilitators:**

EPLO staff, representatives from EPLO member organisations, EU officials and other experts on the EU and peacebuilding policy.

##### **Participants/Target audience:**

The training seminar is open to representatives from peacebuilding civil society organisations. Since the number of people we can accommodate is limited, a selection will be made based upon applications received. Accommodation and travel costs for non-Brussels-based selected participants will be covered. Please note that participation is required on the two full days of the training seminar.

##### **Language:**

English

##### **Background materials:**

- EPLO Mapping of actors: The EU and peacebuilding after Lisbon
- Fact sheet: EU and its institutions
- Other background reading relevant to the EU, peacebuilding and conflict prevention

##### **Content:**

The two days will include a combination of theoretical and more practical sessions:

- Basic facts on the EU institutions and peacebuilding
- Discussion with EU officials on peacebuilding and EU institutions
- Sharing of experience on past peacebuilding advocacy strategies towards the EU
- Group exercise on devising an advocacy strategy towards the EU.

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<sup>1</sup> More information on this project can be found on the EPLO website: <http://eplo.org/activities/ongoing-projects/civil-society-dialogue-network/>