



Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting

EU support to Women Mediators: Moving beyond Stereotypes

Thursday 28 March
Friday 29 March
Monday 1 April 2019

Scotland House, Rond-point Robert Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA for participating mediators

Background

The EU has made strong commitments to supporting women mediators, from the grassroots and community level to the highest diplomatic circles, through its funding instruments and most recently through the EU Strategic Approach to Women Peace and Security. The High Representative/Vice President is the EU's most senior mediator.

There is no apparent need for an EU network in addition to the existing networks of women mediators that have been established, often with the support of the EU.

Objective

The overall aim of this meeting is to gather analysis and recommendations from women civil society mediators on *how to strengthen EU mediation by working more effectively with women mediators*.

The specific objectives are:

- To reflect on the common practical and technical challenges different women mediators from grassroots/Track 3 to Track 1-1.5 processes face in engaging with peace processes
- To generate concrete recommendations on how EU support to women mediators from different Tracks could be strengthened

Participants

The meeting will bring together around 30 participants. This will include around 15 women mediators who are/have been involved in different forms of mediation, from grassroots to Track 1/1.5, from geographically diverse processes, and will include younger as well as more experienced mediators.

The mediators will be joined by a smaller number of civil society experts, and EU officials.

Format

A one-day meeting consisting of facilitated plenary and working group sessions, in which all participants will be encouraged to provide their analysis and recommendations. Participants will be assigned to working groups. All participants will receive a short background paper to identify starting points for discussion.

The discussions will take place under the Chatham House Rule.¹ Discussions will be in English, Arabic and Ukrainian with simultaneous translation.

¹ In a meeting held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

**** AGENDA ****

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17:30 – 19:00

Preparatory Meeting

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17:30 . 18:30	Welcome and Preparatory Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonya Reines-Djivanides, EPLO (TBC)• Nabila Habbida, EPLO• Lorenzo Conti, EPLO
18:30 . 19:00	Logistics and Reimbursements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lorenzo Conti, EPLO• Nabila Habbida, EPLO

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09.00 – 16.30

Expert meeting - EU support to women mediators: moving beyond stereotypes

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08.30 . 09.00	Registration and coffee
09.00 . 09.15	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Executive Director, EPLO• Hilde Hardemann, Head of the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)• Gabor Iklody, Director, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace (ISP), European External Action Service (EEAS)
09.15 . 11.00	Session 1: Women and mediation, moving beyond the stereotypes Plenary and working group discussions facilitated by Laura Davis (EPLO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What do women mediators really bring to the process?</i>• <i>Beyond 'women for women's issues': examples of women mediators that have succeeded in engaging on the broad range of issues (social, political, security, economic...) in a process.</i>• <i>What practical and technical challenges do different women face in accessing and participating in different processes?</i>
11.00 . 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 . 13.00	Session 2: Including the women outside the room Plenary and working group discussions facilitated by Laura Davis (EPLO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Beyond the mediators, how are different women's concerns reflected in the process?</i>• <i>How is analysis gender-inclusive, and how can it become so? How can we ensure these become the concern of all mediators, not just women?</i>• <i>Connecting women's constituencies: experiences of women mediators/women's groups in building constituencies outside the process to influence the processes, including connecting Track III to I and II</i>
13.00 . 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 . 15.30	Session 3: Overcoming the challenges Plenary and working group discussions facilitated by Laura Davis (EPLO) with report-back (15.00-15.30) structured for presentation in final session. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How can we avoid stereotypes and unrealistic expectations about women mediators?</i>• <i>How to get (male) mediators to engage systemically with women colleagues and gender-inclusive analysis across the processes?</i>• <i>How do we address the challenges identified throughout the day?</i>

15.30 . 16.15	<p>Recommendations to the EU</p> <p>Plenary discussion facilitated by EPLO</p> <p><i>Specific recommendations for strengthening EU support to women mediators in Track III, II, I/I.5 processes</i></p>
16.15 . 16.30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mara Marinaki, EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security • Jonathan Cohen, Chair of the EPLO Steering Committee and Executive Director of Conciliation Resources

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10:30 – 14.00

Support to women mediators:

Exchange of views with High Representative Federica Mogherini

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10:30 . 13:00	<p>Preparatory discussion with Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Executive Director of EPLO</p> <p>Exchange of Views with High Representative Federica Mogherini</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission• Interactive discussion with women mediators who participated in the CSDN expert meeting %EU support to Women Mediators: Moving beyond Stereotypes+of Friday 29 March• Group photograph
13:00 . 14:00	<p>Light lunch</p>

Civil Society Dialogue Network

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