



Civil Society Dialogue Network

Training Seminar: Peace and conflict analysis for EU officials

10 July 2018 (12:00 – 16:30)
Scotland House, Rond-point Robert Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

CONCEPT NOTE

The **European Peacebuilding Liaison Office** (EPLO) is the independent civil society platform of European NGOs, NGO networks and think tanks which are committed to peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict. The **Civil Society Dialogue Network** (CSDN) is a mechanism for dialogue between civil society and EU policymakers on issues related to peace and conflict. It is co-financed by the EU and EPLO, and managed by EPLO in cooperation with the Commission and the EEAS.

At the request of the EEAS, EPLO will organise an afternoon training seminar entitled **Peace and conflict analysis for EU officials**, tailored to the EU policymaking context. The seminar will cover concepts of conflict prevention, peacebuilding, conflict sensitivity and human security, and how they link to gender-sensitive conflict analysis methodologies.

The interactive seminar will take place under the Chatham House Rule¹ and will look at (1) what makes peace and conflict analysis an integral part of engagement in conflict-affected and fragile environments and (2) how it applies to the day-to-day processes in EU institutions and services.

The seminar is designed to support the work of the members of the informal network of Conflict Prevention Lead Persons (CPLP) across the EU institutions and services.

General Learning Objective: To increase understanding of how conflict analysis can contribute to the day-to-day work of EU policymakers working on fragile or conflict-affected contexts.

Specific Seminar Objectives:

- ➔ Recognise the analysis / assessment of conflict as a practical step in EU decision-making on conflict prevention and peace, not just as an information product.
- ➔ Become familiar with the key components of a thorough analysis / assessment process and the necessity of gender as a lens on conflict dynamics.
- ➔ Connect the components of analysis / assessment with EU policy processes and terminology.

¹ 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

12.00 – 12.30	<p>OPENING / LUNCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRISM & EPLO Opening remarks • Why peace and conflict prevention matter • Informal Discussion – What does conflict prevention and peace mean to you?
12.30 – 13.30	<p>STEP 1: The purpose of conflict analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise – Translating EU policy terms into a conflict analysis frame • What are the challenges of getting the right analysis? <p><i>Facilitated by EPLO</i></p>
13.30 – 13.45	<p>Coffee Break</p>
13.45 – 15.10	<p>STEP 2: What you should know about conflict and analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part One – Case Study: The story of a conflict (<i>Isabelle Arradon, Crisis Group</i>) • Part Two – Key components in a methodology • Part Three – Inside a conflict analysis: Simulation Exercise <p><i>Facilitated by EPLO</i></p>
15.10 – 15.20	<p>Coffee break</p>
15.20 – 16.20	<p>STEP 3: Why and how to use analysis in your work</p> <p><i>Moderated discussion among participants and resource people with four initial 5-minute contributions to frame the discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implications of conflict-insensitivity (<i>Jeremy Lester, Saferworld & former EU</i>) • Using analysis to shape engagement in conflict-affected contexts (<i>Rebecca Crozier, International Alert</i>) • Connecting analysis to EU process and practice (<i>Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan</i>) • EU tools for early warning and conflict analysis (<i>EEAS – PRISM resource person</i>) <p><i>Moderated by EPLO</i></p>
16.20 – 16.30	<p>CLOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-homes from participants • Final remarks – EPLO & PRISM

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