

Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting

Capacity building of military actors in support of development and security for development (CBSD) 2018-2020: Informal exchange of views with international non-governmental organisations (INGOs)

Thursday 14 May 2020 (14.00-16.00)

Concept note

Background

In December 2017, the EU amended the [Regulation establishing the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace](#) (IcSP) in order to enable it to undertake '[Capacity building of military actors in support of development and security for development](#)' (CBSD) in its partner countries.

Since then, the European Commission (EC) has launched around 15 CBSD projects in Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia and, in January 2020, it launched an external evaluation of the implementation of CBSD 2018-2020, the results of which are expected in June.

The EC's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) has asked the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) to organise a Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) Policy Meeting (PM) to discuss the implementation of CBSD 2018-2020.¹

Objectives

The overall objective of this meeting is for EC and European External Action Service (EEAS) officials, evaluators and representatives of international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to reflect and exchange on CBSD implementation 2018-2020.

The specific objectives are:

- For the EC to present the CBSD support which it is currently providing to security actors in its partner countries, and to reflect on its achievements and limitations
- For the evaluation team to present the scope and objectives of the ongoing evaluation of CBSD actions 2018-2020
- For INGO representatives to share perspectives on CBSD implementation 2018-2020.

Format

The meeting will last for a maximum of two hours and will take the form of a facilitated online round-table discussion under the Chatham House Rule.² It will be held via the online platform WebEx.

Participants

The meeting will bring together 25-30 participants, including INGO representatives and officials from the EC (FPI and Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)) and the EEAS.

Language

The discussions will be held in English.

¹ In March 2015, EPLO organised a CSDN PM entitled '[Capacity building in support of security and development: Gathering civil society input](#)' in Brussels.

² 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 (see: <https://www.chathamhouse.org/chatham-house-rule>).

Agenda

14.00 – 14.15	Introductory Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonya Reines-Djivanides – European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)• Marc Fiedrich – Unit for Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI 2), European Commission (EC)
14.15– 15.45	Discussing the implementation of ‘Capacity building of military actors in support of development and security for development’ (CBSD) 2018-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of CBSD by Hubert Duhot – FPI 2, EC• Presentation of external evaluation by Sylvie Nicole, Andrea D’Angelo and Guillaume Lacaille – GFA Consulting Group• Questions and discussion <p><i>Moderator: Ben Moore (EPLO)</i></p>
15.45 – 16.00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc Fiedrich – FPI 2, EC• Ben Moore – EPLO

Civil Society Dialogue Network

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