



Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting

Peace Mediation Guidelines: Expert working meeting

Wednesday 4 November 2020 (10:00 – 11:30), online

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The process to update the Concept on Strengthening EU Mediation and Dialogue Capacities was launched last year by the Finnish presidency of the Council of the EU. It was continued during the Croatian presidency and will be completed during the current German presidency. The new EU Concept on Peace Mediation will serve as the policy foundation for EU engagement on mediation efforts in conflict-affected countries.

The Guidelines on Peace Mediation were developed by the European External Action Service (EEAS) as a parallel process to elaborate the new EU Concept on Peace Mediation, and will provide guidance for implementers and partners of EU mediation and mediation support.

Objective

The objective of this CSDN meeting is to bring together a small group of civil society experts on mediation and EU officials in a roundtable format to discuss the Guidelines on Peace Mediation and make specific contributions to the drafting process.

Format

The meeting will last for a maximum of 90 minutes and will take the form of a facilitated online round-table discussion under the Chatham House Rule¹. It will be held via the online platform Zoom.

Participants

The meeting will bring together approximately 20 participants, including civil society experts and EU officials.

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

AGENDA

10:00-10:10	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISP.2, European External Action Service (EEAS)• FPI.2, European Commission• European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)
10:10-11:20	Discussion on the Peace Mediation Guidelines and contributions to the drafting process
11:20-11:30	Closing Remarks

Civil Society Dialogue Network

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