



## Civil Society Dialogue Network Funding Instruments Meeting

# Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument Thematic Programme on 'Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention'

## Informal consultation on strategic programming 2021-2027

24-25 November 2020, Online

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### Background

The Council of the EU, the European Commission (EC) and the European Parliament (EP) are currently negotiating the text of the draft [Regulation establishing the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument \(NDICI\)](#) (and its accompanying [annexes](#)) which should replace various EU external financing instruments (EFIs) when they expire at the end of 2020.

One of the EFIs which should be incorporated into the NDICI is the [Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace \(IcSP\)](#). According to the EC's 2018 proposal for the NDICI, the three components of the IcSP<sup>1</sup> should be divided between the programmable 'Thematic Programmes' and the non-programmable 'Rapid Response Actions' pillars, and 'Security, Stability and Peace' should be an area of co-operation under the 'Geographic Programmes' pillar.

The EC's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and the EEAS' Directorate for the Integrated Approach for Security and Peace (ISP) have asked the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) to organise a [Civil Society Dialogue Network \(CSDN\) Funding Instruments Meeting \(FIM\)](#) on the future programming of the NDICI Thematic Programme on 'Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention'.

#### Objectives

The overall objective of this meeting is to gather input from representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs) and other actors in order to contribute to reflections on the strategic programming of the NDICI Thematic Programme on 'Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention' 2021-2027.

#### Format

The meeting will take place over two days on the Zoom platform. The first day will consist of a single plenary session (maximum two hours) and the second day will consist of a combination of plenary sessions and small group discussions (maximum 90 minutes).

#### Participants

The meeting will bring together up to 100 participants, including representatives of CSOs, international organisations and EU Member States' (MS) implementing agencies, and officials from the EC (Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and FPI) and the EEAS.

#### Language

The meeting will be held in English.

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<sup>1</sup> Assistance in response to situations of crisis or emerging crisis to prevent conflicts (Article 3); Assistance for conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness (Article 4); and Assistance in addressing global and trans-regional threats and emerging threats (Article 5)

# DRAFT AGENDA

## Day 1 – Tuesday 24 November 2020

14.00 – 14.15	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sonya Reines-Djivanides – Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</i></li><li>• <i>Pawel Herczyński – Managing Director, Directorate for CSDP and Crisis Response, European External Action Service (EEAS)</i></li><li>• <i>Hilde Hardeman – Director - Head of Service, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission (EC)</i></li></ul>
14.15 – 15.45	<b>Session 1: Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention in the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NDICI: New structure and priorities <i>Natividad Lorenzo – EEAS</i></li><li>• NDICI Thematic Programme on ‘Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention’ <i>Brice de Schieter – EEAS</i> <i>Oronzo Console, EEAS</i> <i>Marc Fiedrich – EC</i></li><li>• Questions and discussion (including practitioners’ experiences of and lessons learned from past and ongoing EU support to peace, stability and conflict prevention)</li></ul> <p><i>Moderator: Sonya Reines-Djivanides – EPLO</i></p>
15.45 – 16.00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sonya Reines-Djivanides – EPLO</i></li></ul>

## Day 2 – Wednesday 25 November 2020

14.00 – 14.10	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ben Moore – EPLO</i></li> </ul>
14.10 – 14.55	<p><b>Session 2: Small group discussions on possible priority areas for NDICI Thematic Programme on ‘Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Small Group 1: Climate change and conflict</u> <i>Co-facilitators: Cristina Casella – EC, Iina Leitzen – EEAS &amp; Ana Lukic – EC</i></li> <li>• <u>Small Group 2: Preventing violent extremism</u> <i>Facilitator: Anna Reece – EEAS</i></li> <li>• <u>Small Group 3: Culture of peace and nonviolence</u> <i>Facilitator: Katariina Leinonen – EEAS</i></li> <li>• <u>Small Group 4: New trends and innovation</u> <i>Co-facilitators: Sébastien Babaud – EC, Morgane Buttiens – EC &amp; Marco Marzi EEAS</i></li> <li>• <u>Small Group 5: Collaboration and combining initiatives to increase impact</u> <i>Co-facilitators: Giovanni Squadrito – EC &amp; Matyas Szilvasi – EEAS</i></li> </ul>
14.55 – 15.20	<p><b>Session 2 – continued</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from small group discussions</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Ben Moore – EPLO</i></p>
15.20 – 15.30	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ben Moore – EPLO</i></li> <li>• <i>Marc Fiedrich – EC</i></li> <li>• <i>Brice de Schietero – EEAS</i></li> </ul>

### Civil Society Dialogue Network

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) is a mechanism for dialogue between civil society and EU policy-makers on issues related to peace and conflict. It is co-financed by the European Union (Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace). It is managed by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), a civil society network, in co-operation with the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). The fourth phase of the CSDN will last from 2020 to 2023. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).