

Online Meeting on 17 March 2021  
with MEP Marina Kaljurand

# Peace & Reconciliation after the 2020 Karabakh War?

Expectations for More EU Engagement

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## INVITATION

The Second Nagorno-Karabakh War in 2020 has brought much human suffering to the region – and tipped the scales in the South Caucasus: Russian Peacekeepers are securing the fragile ceasefire, while Moscow seems to closely coordinate its actions with Ankara. The OSCE was sidelined, the US was preoccupied with presidential elections over much of 2020 – and the EU, to many, seemed helpless. Yet it is not clear how peace and future coexistence in the region can be achieved and how far the EU and other multilateral actors will get involved in further humanitarian aid, reconstruction and engage again in overcoming the crisis and preventing a freezing of the Karabakh conflict. And it seems unclear what role civil society can play for future peacebuilding and reconciliation in the region.

Against this background, the online meeting, co-organized by the Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), has a double aim: In the first part, we will brainstorm with political decision makers and experts from the region, what chances and opportunities there are to bring the EU back into the region. What can the EU and its member states contribute to securing peace and to better relationships in and between the societies? How to encourage reconciliation between Armenia and Azerbaijan? What is needed to ease the dire humanitarian and economic situation without feeding the divide?

In the second part, we aim at an exchange between peace and development experts from governmental and non-governmental organizations, think tanks, research and civil society representatives from the region about the way forward. It will feature discussions in different working groups (see below), focusing on the elaboration of recommendations for conflict sensitive engagement of EU in fields of humanitarian aid, reconstruction and sustainable development and economic cooperation.

Working language will be in English and discussions will be under Chatham House Rule.

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## PROGRAMME

PART I, 10H30 – 12H15 (CET)	
10:30	OPENING
10:45	NAREK SUKIASYAN – INPUT SPEAKER FROM ARMENIA FES Armenia
11:00	SHAHLA ISMAYIL – INPUT SPEAKER FROM AZERBAIJAN Chairwomen Women’s Association for Rational Development (WARD), Baku
11:15	Q&A
11:35	MARINA KALJURAND, MEP – PERSPECTIVE FROM THE EP Chair of the European Parliament’s Delegation for Relations with South Caucasus
11:45	PERSPECTIVE FROM THE EEAS (tbc)
11:55	Q&A
12:15	BREAK
PART II, 13H45 – 16H00 (CET)	
13:45	SHORT RECAP
14:00	GROUP WORK 1. Humanitarian Aid 2. Peace & Reconciliation focusing on Media 3. Peace & Reconciliation focusing on Youth 4. Peace & Reconciliation focusing on Women 5. Peace & Reconciliation focusing on Cross- community Trust Building 6. Trauma Relief and Peacebuilding 7. (Legal) Investigation of War Crimes 8. Foreign Policy Options (also looking at Russia / Turkey)
14:45	BREAK
15:00	PRESENTATION OF RESULTS
15:20	FINAL DISCUSSION ROUND
15:50	WRAP UP AND CLOSING

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