



**Civil Society Dialogue Network Policy Meeting**  
**Revision of the EEAS Peace Mediation Guidelines:**  
**Gathering Input from Experts**

**Concept Note and Agenda**

**4-5 May 2023, Online**

## **Background**

In December 2020, the Council of the EU adopted the [Concept on EU Peace Mediation](#), a strategic document aiming to enhance the EU's role as a leading peace mediation, conflict prevention and peacebuilding actor. The Concept revises the policy foundation for EU mediation, outlining the specific features of EU mediation practice, strengths and comparative advantages.

The adoption of the Concept was accompanied by EEAS Peace Mediation Guidelines to support EU mediators and implementing partners. They provide practical guidance for implementers and partners of EEAS mediation and mediation support, such as EU Special Representatives and Envoys, EU Heads of Delegation and the EEAS Pool of Mediators. They can also serve as a source of inspiration to the broader community of mediation practitioners.

The Guidelines are intended to be updated regularly to take into account the changes in the international peace and security environment. The first update is to take place in 2023 to reflect the shifts in the global peace and security environment and to respond to a number of observed gaps with regard to thematic dimensions of mediation. Consequently, seven new chapters will be included in the new version of the Guidelines, in addition to a general revision of the 2020 text.

In 2020, the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) and the EU organised two Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) Policy Meetings with the objective to gather analysis and recommendations from civil society experts to contribute to the drafting process of the Concept on EU Peace Mediation and the EEAS Peace Mediation Guidelines.

## **Objectives**

The objective of this CSDN policy meeting is to gather views and recommendations from civil society experts on mediation that will contribute to the review process of the EEAS Peace Mediation Guidelines. Specifically, the participants will discuss the content of the new thematic chapters.

## **Participants**

The meeting will bring together approximately 30 participants, including civil society experts, academics, and officials from the European Union.

## **Format**

The meeting will take place over two days on the Zoom platform and will consist of a combination of plenary sessions and small group discussions. The discussions will take place under the Chatham House Rule<sup>1</sup>.

## **Output**

A meeting report including the key recommendations of the discussions will be published.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>).

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Day 1 – Thursday 4 May (10:00 – 12:30 CEST)

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | <b>Welcome and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Katariina Leinonen</b>, Deputy Head of Division, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace, Conflict Prevention and Mediation Support (ISP.2), European External Action Service (EEAS)</li><li>• <b>tbc</b>, Unit for Stability and Peace – Conflict Prevention and Peace Building, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI.2), European Commission (EC) (tbc)</li><li>• <b>Sonya Reines-Djivanides</b>, Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</li></ul> |
| 10:15 – 10:40 | <b>Session 1 – Presentation of the new chapters and objectives of the EEAS Peace Mediation Guidelines review</b> <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Katariina Leinonen</b>, Deputy Head of Division, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace, Conflict Prevention and Mediation Support (ISP.2), European External Action Service (EEAS)</li></ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Moderator: Lorenzo Angelini, Senior Policy Officer, EPLO</p>  |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | <b>Session 2 – Breakout group discussions on the new chapters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 1: Youth, Peace and Security</li></ul> <p>Facilitator: Candida Novak, EEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 2: Mediation in electoral contexts</li></ul> <p>Facilitator: Lorenzo Angelini, EPLO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 3: Non state armed groups and extremist actors</li></ul> <p>Facilitator: Lorenzo Conti, EPLO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 4: Insider mediators</li></ul> <p>Facilitator: Sanna Harty, EEAS</p>      |
| 11.30 – 12.20 | <b>Session 2 – continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from breakout groups and discussion</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Lorenzo Angelini, Senior Policy Officer, EPLO</p>   |

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| 12:20– 12:30 | <b>Closing day 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katariina Leinonen, EEAS</li> </ul> |
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**Day 2 – Friday 5 May 2023 (14:00 – 16:00 CET)**

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| 14:00 – 14:10 | <b>Welcome &amp; recap of Day 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lorenzo Angelini</b>, EPLO</li> <li>• <b>Katariina Leinonen</b>, EEAS</li> </ul>   |
| 14:10 – 15:00 | <b>Session 3 – Breakout group discussions on the new chapters II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group A: Ceasefire mediation<br/>Facilitator: Lorenzo Conti, EPLO</li> <li>• Group B: Humanitarian mediation<br/>Facilitator: Sanna Harty, EEAS</li> <li>• Group C: National dialogues<br/>Facilitator: Katariina Leinonen, EEAS<br/>Moderator: Lorenzo Angelini, Senior Policy Officer, EPLO</li> </ul> |
| 15:00 – 15:50 | <b>Session 3 – Continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from breakout groups and discussion<br/>Moderator: Lorenzo Angelini, Senior Policy Officer, EPLO</li> </ul>   |
| 15.50 – 16.00 | <b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katariina Leinonen</b>, EEAS</li> <li>• FPI.2, EC (tbc)</li> <li>• EPLO</li> </ul>  |