



Civil Society Dialogue Network

Training Seminar on Peacebuilding Advocacy towards the EU

29-30 June 2023
Best Western Park Hotel, Avenue de l'Yser, 21, Brussels

PROGRAMME

Thursday 29 June 2023 (Day 1)

8.45 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.45	Welcome and introductions
9.45 – 10.45	<p>Session 1: The EU and peacebuilding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where is peacebuilding in EU policy and institutions? – Lorenzo Angelini, EPLO• Why is it important to consider the differences between Member States? – Katja Niemi, EPLO• What presence does the EU have beyond Brussels, and what are the other voices in EU external action? – Lorenzo Conti, EPLO• What roles do the EU delegations play? – Laura Davis, EPLO
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.45	<p>Session 2: What do we need to know about the EU institutions?</p> <p>Group exercise on the EU institutions and peacebuilding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member States• European Commission• European External Action Service• European Parliament
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch

13.45 – 15.15	<p>Session 3: Building advocacy from information: Parallel discussions on EU processes on geographic and thematic issues</p> <p><u>First session (13.45 – 14.25):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Alpha Barry, Policy Officer, Chad, European External Action Service • Group 2: Angela Lella, Programme Manager, Middle East, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments <p><u>Second session (14.30 – 15.10):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A: Tiina Vahtras, Policy Officer, Human Rights and Gender, European External Action Service • Group B: Sébastien Coquoz, Policy Officer, Conflict Prevention and Elections Policy, European External Action Service
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.15	Reflections on the experience
16.15 – 16.30	Close of the day
18.30	Group dinner

Friday 30 June 2023 (Day 2)

8.45 – 9.00	Registration and coffee
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome & preparing the second day
9.30 – 10.45	<p>Session 4: Advocacy tips from inside the institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonas Claes, Team Leader Early Warning and Conflict Prevention, Conflict Prevention and Mediation Support (ISP.2), European External Action Service • Josephine Kalinauckas (TBC), Team Leader, Rapid Response – Africa and Middle East (FPI.2), Service for Foreign Policy Instruments • Ulla Groenlund, Assistant of MEP Alviina Alametsä, European Parliament

10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.15	<p>Session 5: Influencing the EU institutions: Learning from past and ongoing advocacy strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wael Abdulshafi, EU Advocacy Advisor, PAX • Lorenzo Conti, Senior Policy Officer, EPLO
12.15 – 12.30	Reflections on the experience
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.15	Session 6: From theory to practice: Developing a personal EU advocacy plan
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.30	Presentations, feedback and discussion on advocacy plans
16.30 – 17.00	Wrap-up and closing of the training seminar

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