



# Civil Society Dialogue Network Training Seminar on Peacebuilding Advocacy towards the EU

27-29 September 2023 Martin's Brussels EU Boulevard Charlemagne 80 1000 Brussels, Belgium

## **PROGRAMME**

## Wednesday 27 September 2023 (Day 1)

10:00 – 10:30	Registration and coffee
10:30 – 11:15	Welcome and introductions
11:15 – 12:30	Session 1: Challenges and opportunities for EU advocacy
	What do you already know?
	Reflections about the participants' experience in carrying out advocacy and engaging with EU officials and other policy-makers.
	Presentations
	<ul> <li>Understanding the term: peacebuilding in EU foreign policy</li> <li>Engagement with EU officials in Brussels and delegations</li> </ul>
	Q&A and reflections
12:30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15:15	Session 2: The EU and peacebuilding
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## Thursday 28 September 2023 (Day 2)

9.00 – 9.15	Reflection on the first day
9.15 – 9:30	Recap of the content of day 1
9:30 – 10:45	Session 3: What do we need to know about the EU and peacebuilding?  • Group exercise on the role of the different EU institutions and actors
10:45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Session 4: Building advocacy from information: Discussions on EU processes on thematic issues
	<ul> <li>Lina Andeer, Gender and Diversity Adviser, European External Action Service (EEAS)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Gabriele Iacovino, Policy Officer, Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management, Integrated Approach for Peace and Security (PCM.1), EEAS (tbc)</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13:30 – 14.45	Session 5: Building advocacy from information: Discussions on EU processes on geographic issues
	Alvaro Benlloch Miranda, Policy Officer, Iraq, EEAS
	Sari Kouvo, Political Officer – P3S Secretariat/Sahel, PCM.1, EEAS
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee Break
15.15 – 15:45	Reflections on the experience and close of day

## Friday 29 September 2023 (Day 3)

9.00 – 9.15	Reflection on the first two days
9.15 – 10.30	Session 6: Advocacy tips from inside the institutions  • Barbara Einhauser, Crisis Response Planner, Unit for Stability and
	Peace–Crisis response, Conflict Prevention and Peace Building (FPI.2), Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission
	<ul> <li>Martin Albani, Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management, Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships (PCM.2), EEAS</li> </ul>
	Maximilian Schroeder, Head of Unit, Mediation and Dialogue Support Unit, European Parliament
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.15	Session 7: Influencing the EU institutions: Learning from past and ongoing advocacy strategies  • Geographic example of advocacy, <b>tbc</b>
	The EU Concept on Mediation, Lorenzo Conti, EPLO
12.15 – 12.30	Reflections on the experience & presentation of the exercise
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15:00	Session 6: From theory to practice: developing a personal EU advocacy plan
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.15	Session 6: Continued
16.15 – 16.30	Wrap-up and closing of the training seminar

#### **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.