

Who We Are

The **European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)** is the platform of European NGOs, NGO networks, and think tanks which are committed to peacebuilding and the prevention of conflict.

EPLO Mission Statement

EPLO's mission is to influence European decision makers to take a more active and effective approach to securing peace and non-violent forms of conflict resolution in all regions of the world.

Definition of Peacebuilding

Peacebuilding is a long-term process involving activities that aim to reduce tensions and to end or prevent violence. Peacebuilding takes place before, during and after armed conflict and supports the conditions, attitudes and behaviour that lead to peaceful development. Activities include, inter alia, early warning, mediation, crisis management, development co-operation, human rights initiatives, and security policies when undertaken in a conflict sensitive way. Peacebuilding draws on the concept of human security.



EPLO Policy Objectives

- To ensure that conflict prevention and peacebuilding have a prominent place in the structures and institutions of the EU.
- To secure increased resources for conflict prevention and peacebuilding.
- To make the EU's conflict prevention and peacebuilding work more effective and hold the EU institutions to account.
- To make EU development assistance more conflict-sensitive.
- To bring high quality gender analysis into EPLO's work and into EU policy-making.

EPLO's activities

EPLO's activities include network management and channelling civil society analysis into EU policy-making; policy analysis and publications on the EU and conflict; development of common positions and joint advocacy work; training on the EU and conflict; helpdesk support; briefings and policy meetings for EU officials, Member States' representatives and MEPs; and liaison work in Brussels and beyond.

Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN)

The Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) is a three-year project funded by the European Commission that facilitates dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policy-makers.

The CSDN aims to contribute to strengthening international and regional capacity for conflict prevention and post-conflict co-operation. EPLO organises CSDN meetings which are open to all interested civil society actors and take place in Brussels, EU Member States and conflict-affected countries with EU presence.

The CSDN discusses policy, strategic and programming aspects of the Peacebuilding Partnership, transversal thematic issues relating to peacebuilding and crisis-specific situations.

www.eplo.org/civil-society-dialogue-network.html

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www.berghof-conflictresearch.org

Civil Society Conflict Prevention Network - KATU
www.katunet.fi

Conciliation Resources
hwww.c-r.org

Crisis Management Initiative
www.cmi.fi

European Network for Civil Peace Services
www.en-cps.org

ESSEC Iréné
www.essec-irene.com

NGO Fractal
www.ngofractal.org

Glencree Centre for Peace & Reconciliation
www.glencree.ie

Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
www.gppac.net

International Alert
www.international-alert.org

International Center for Transitional Justice
www.ictj.org

International Crisis Group
www.icg.org

Interpeace
www.interpeace.org

Kvinna till Kvinna
www.kvinnatillkvinna.se

Life and Peace Institute
www.life-peace.org

Nansen Dialogue Network
www.nansen-dialogue.net

NGO Support Center
www.ngo-sc.org

Nonviolent Peaceforce
www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org

Partners for Democratic Change International
www.pdci-network.org

Pax Christi International
www.paxchristi.net

Quaker Council for European Affairs
www.quaker.org/qcea

Saferworld
www.saferworld.org.uk

Search for Common Ground
www.sfcg.org

Swisspeace
www.swisspeace.ch

Toledo International Centre for Peace
www.toledopax.org

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