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Deutscher Bundestag

**ON BEHALF OF THE IRISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE**



is pleased to invite you to a workshop on

## **THE EU AS A PEACEMAKER – ENHANCING EU MEDIATION CAPACITY**

**Bundestag  
Room E.800, Paul-Löbe-Haus  
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin**

**Monday 22 April 2013**

The promotion of peace and prevention of conflicts are at the heart of the European Union project and underpin Europe's engagement with the world. European peace mediation capacity has been progressively strengthened since the birth of the Common Foreign and Security Policy. The recent innovations introduced by the Lisbon Treaty and the creation of the European External Action Service, with its mediation support team and EU Delegations with global reach, have all contributed to enhancing the EU's mediation capacity.

Against this background, it is time to assess the strengths, weaknesses and added value of the existing tools, institutional set-up and mechanisms to identify possible steps to further improve EU mediation capacity, including through a European Institute of Peace. This workshop aims to draw on recent national, European and international peace mediation experiences in order to discuss with the community of institutional and societal peace mediation actors the options for strengthening Europe's role in this area.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 16.00 Welcoming remarks  
**Joachim Spatz**, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Civilian Crisis Prevention and Networked Security
- 16.05 Scene-setting  
**Joelle Jenny**, Director, Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service (EEAS) (TBC)
- 16.15 **Session 1: Lessons learned: how does the EU support peace mediation?**  
*Drawing on recent peace mediation efforts, coordination between the diverse local, national and EU actors on the ground and with headquarters is a key element of peace mediation. What are the different EU tools and how could the synergies between them be maximised? What is the role and value of different diplomatic approaches? How is the EU engaging with international organisations, member states, NGOs and local actors?*
- Almut Möller**, Head of the Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) (Chair)  
**Philippe Lefort**, European Union Special Representative for South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia  
**Erwan Fouéré**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)  
**Oliver Wils**, Director of Peace Support, Berghof Foundation
- 16.45 Questions and responses from Members of the Bundestag
- 17.00 Discussion
- 17.30 **Session 2: Challenges ahead: institutions and policies to strengthen European peace mediation**  
*Peace mediation needs to be one of the key tools in EU's comprehensive response to conflict and crisis. There needs to be continuity of engagement and transfer of knowledge over time and between key actors. How can the remaining gaps in the peace mediation toolbox be best addressed? In what ways can the EU strengthen its support to national, international or NGO-led peace mediation efforts?*
- Franziska Brantner**, Member of the European Parliament (Chair)  
**Almut Wieland-Karimi**, Director, Zentrum für Internationale Friedenseinsätze (ZIF)  
**Julia von Dobeneck**, Berlin Center for Integrative Mediation (TBC)  
**Andrew Sherriff**, Head of Programme for EU External Action, European Centre for Development Policy and Management (ECDPM)  
**Joelle Jenny**, Director, Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service (EEAS) (TBC)
- 18.00 Questions and responses from Members of the Bundestag
- 18.15 Discussion
- 19.00 Concluding remarks  
**Alain Lamassoure**, Member of the European Parliament
- 19.15 Reception with light refreshments

Proceedings will be in English and in German. Simultaneous translation will be provided.