

## Experts Workshop ‘The Role of the European Union in Current Global Conflicts’<sup>i</sup>

**Date:** 10 July 2018

**Location:** Social Platform, Square de Meeûs 18, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

**Coordinator:** Marianne Ebertowski, Director European Policy Programme Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, tel. + 32 2 743 41 05

### Programme

**9:30**                      **Registration and coffee**

**10:00-10:05**    **Welcome** by **Klaus Linsenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (hbs) European Union

**10:05 – 11:30**            **Introductory session: Is there/should there be a European strategy on how to deal with global conflicts**

- **Input: Professor Dr Sven Biscop**, Egmont, Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels
- **Comments: Gilles Bertrand**, senior MENA advisor within the EEAS liaising with think tanks  
**Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament Greens-EFA
- **Moderator: Klaus Linsenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union
- **Rapporteur: Carlo Diehl**, intern European Policy Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

**11:30 - 11:45**            **Break**

**11:45 – 13:15**            **Session 1: The ‘Jerusalem conflict’: The Situation after Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as capital of Israel. What can the EU do to prevent further escalation?**

- **Input (amongst others): Dr Yudith Oppenheimer**, Director Ir Amin (Israel); **Bettina Marx**, director hbs Ramallah, **Oz Aruch**, Programme Coordinator for Regional Security & German-Israeli Dialogue, hbs Tel Aviv
- **Comments: Thomas Seiler**, Deputy Head of Division Israel, occupied Palestinian territory and Middle East peace process; **Hugh Lovatt**, Policy Fellow with ECFR’s Middle East and North Africa Programme
- **Moderator: Claude Weinber**, former director hbs offices Tel Aviv and EU
- **Reppporteur: Pieter Dronkers**, researcher, (Palestine), PAX, Utrecht

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 Session 2: Syria

**Input:** **George Ghali**, Executive Director ALEF - act for human rights, Lebanon; **Dr Bente Scheller**, Director hbs Beirut; **Galip Dalay**, research director Al Sharq Forum, Turkey; **Eva Horelova**, Policy Officer for Syria, European External Action Service

**Moderator:** **Abdy Yeganeh**, Director Independent Diplomat, Brussels office

**Rapporteur:** **Jan Jaap van Oosterzee**, Head Public Affairs (ad interim), PAX, Utrecht

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:30 Session 3: The Refugee Situation

- **Input:** Ms **Nur Banu Ozkut**, Programme Manager, Refugee Rights Center Turkey (RRT), **Dr Angeliki Dimitriadi**, Research Fellow at ELIAMEP in the field of migration; **Bodil Valero**, Member of the European Parliament, vice chair of the Greens-EFA;
- **Comments:** **Roderick Parkes**, senior analyst immigration, asylum and international home affairs cooperation, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS); **Lina Vosyliūtė**, Researcher at Justice and Home Affairs Section, CEPS
- **Moderator:** **Giulia Laganà**, Senior Analyst, EU Migration and Asylum Policies, Open Society European Policy Institute
- **Rapporteur:** **Jelena von Helldorff**, senior policy advisor CEIPA

17:30-18:30 Reception

### Readings:

**Webdossier:** [The Role of the European Union in Its Neighbourhood and in the World](#)

- **George Ghali:** [Taking the Lead Where Others Don't - Suggesting Pillars for Conflict Resolution Intervention Led by the European Union](#)
- **Hugh Lovatt:** [Trump's Challenge: What Can the EU Do to Prevent Escalation in Jerusalem?](#)

**Blog** [Reconnecting Europe](#)

**Lina Vosyliūtė:** [Is 'Saving Lives at Sea' still a Priority for the EU?](#)

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