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Invitation Expert Workshop Southern Neighbourhood

Background

*In 2015 the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung took part in the Commission's consultation procedure on the new European Neighbourhood Policy. Our [contribution](#) was based on the results of an expert workshop in Brussels in which the relevant hbs offices and departments discussed their experiences and ideas with experts from the European Commission, the EEAS, the European Parliament, think tanks, NGOs and universities. The new ENP was presented in [November 2015](#). Aiming at mobilising efforts to support **inclusive economic and social development**, creating job opportunities for youth was proclaimed a key measure of economic stabilisation. A new focus was put on stepping up work with partner countries in the **security sector**, mainly in the areas of **conflict-prevention, counter-terrorism and anti-radicalisation policies**. Safe and legal **mobility** on the one hand and tackling irregular **migration**, human trafficking and smuggling on the other were proclaimed further priorities. Cooperation on **energy security and climate action** was also proclaimed priority. In 2016 the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung is organising two **ENP-workshops**, one on EaP, which took place on 19 October, one focused on the southern neighbourhood. Again, the relevant experts from the EU institutions, think tanks, NGO and the academic world are invited to meet with the regional hbs offices, the relevant departments and invited experts – all contributors to our web dossier [Rebuilding the Neighbourhood](#) – and discuss the challenges for ENP. As the (southern) neighbourhood of the EU has been developing in a way that makes it increasingly difficult to maintain or shape relationships what are the major challenges for ENP?*

Expert Workshop Southern Neighbourhood

Time: Wednesday, 7 December 2016, 10:00-19:00

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

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Programme

Morning Sessions

10:00-11:30 Opening session

- ***Focus: What are the major changes since the launch of the new ENP, in the neighbourhood and in the EU's policy and what are the major challenges on short, medium and long term?***

Key questions also for other sessions:

- ***How can the ENP as an intergovernmental policy succeed in a neighbourhood where it often has to deal with failing or failed states (Syria, Libya)?***
- ***The EU has expressed its desire for ENP to be inclusive and also reach out to civil society – how to accomplish this when their governmental counterparts in the southern neighbourhood (e.g. Egypt or –outside ENP - Turkey) want the exact opposite: to exclude and control civil society?***
- ***How can the co-ownership desired by the EU be realised against this background, if co-operation with non-governmental actors is not improved? What can be done to strengthen the co-operation with non-governmental actors?***

- **How can the southern neighbourhood countries and the EU work together in order to solve the current refugee crisis in accordance with the values of ENP (even though migration policy is not part of the ENP)?**

10:00- 10.05 Welcome by Klaus Linsenmeier, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

10:05-11:30 ENP and the Southern Neighbourhood: main challenges and developments

Input: **Hugh Lovatt**, Programme Coordinator, Middle East and North Africa, European Council on Foreign Relations, London; **Dr Bente Scheller**, Head of regional office Middle East Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung and **Gianluca Grippa**, Head of Division European External Action Service European Neighbourhood Policy Division

Chair: **Klaus Linsenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

11:30 - 11:45 coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Session I: Middle East I (Mashreq)

- **Focus: see key questions opening session**

Input: **Dr Bente Scheller**, Head of regional office Middle East Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung; **Alar Olljum**, adviser to MENA Managing Director, Nick Westcott, European External Action Service and **Michael Docherty**, Head of Sector Syria/Jordan /Lebanon, DG NEAR, European Commission

Chair: **Laura El Chemali**, PhD researcher ULB

Rapporteur: **Jan Jaap van Oosterzee**, senior advisor public affairs Middle East, PAX

13:15 - 14:00 lunch break

Afternoon Sessions

14:00 -15:30 Session II Middle East II: Palestine/Israel

- **Focus: clarity, coherence, transparency and objective of EU policy vis à vis Occupied Territories/Israel**

Input: **Ingrid Jaradat**, Independent analyst, Middle-East policy, human rights and international law, **Hugh Lovatt**, Programme Coordinator, Middle East and North Africa, European Council on Foreign Relations, London; **Bettina Marx**, director office Ramallah, **Maria Fraskou**, coordinator EU Project office Ramallah and **Raúl Fuentes Milani**, Head of Middle East II: Israel, Occupied Territories and MEPP Division, European Action Service

Chair: **Simone Süsskind**, President Actions in the Mediterranean, Member of Parliament Brussels-Capital Region

Rapporteur: **Ilana Bet-El**, strategic advisor and author of last year's consultation submission of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung to the 'Towards a new European Neighbourhood Policy' consultation procedure

15:30 - 15:45 coffee break

15:45 – 17:15 Session III Maghreb (Morocco, Tunisia)

- *Focus: migration (Morocco); (youth)unemployment; the role of youth as actor for transition (Morocco); the absence of a willingness to undertake reforms (Tunisia)*

Input: **Hicham Arroud**, migration expert, **Rabat**; **Héctor Sánchez Margalef**, researcher Mediterranean, Middle East and Europe, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB); **Dorothea Rischewski**, director Rabat office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung and Dr **Kyriakos Revelas**, Senior Policy Officer, Maghreb Division, European Action Service

Chair: **Claude Weinber**, former director offices Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union and Tel Aviv

Rapporteur: **Francesca Fabbri**, Programme Assistant, EPC

17:15 - 17:30 coffee break

17:30 - 19:00 Conclusions (Summary by the three rapporteurs); final Comment: Dr **Kyriakos Revelas**, Senior Policy Officer, Maghreb Division, European Action Service

Klaus Linsenmeier, Director European Union office

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Recommended Reading

Consultation Submission by the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung e.V

Web dossier: [Rebuilding the Neighbourhood](#)

Contributions by:

Hector Sanchez Margalef: [ENP and the Southern Mediterranean: Youth as the Key Element for Stability in North Africa](#)

Sakina Abushi & Hicham Arroud: [A Migration Bubble? Reading the New European Neighbourhood Policy in the Moroccan Context](#)

Dr. Bente Scheller, Noor Baalbaki and Alisha Molter: [Views from the South – The European Neighbourhood Policy in Lebanon](#)

Judy Dempsey: [The European Union and its Southern Neighbourhood](#)

Ingrid Jaradat: [What Neighbourhood Policy in a Context of Unlawful Occupation? Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory](#)

Hugh Lovatt: [Moving Beyond the MEPP: How a New European Neighbourhood Policy can Save the Two State Solution](#)