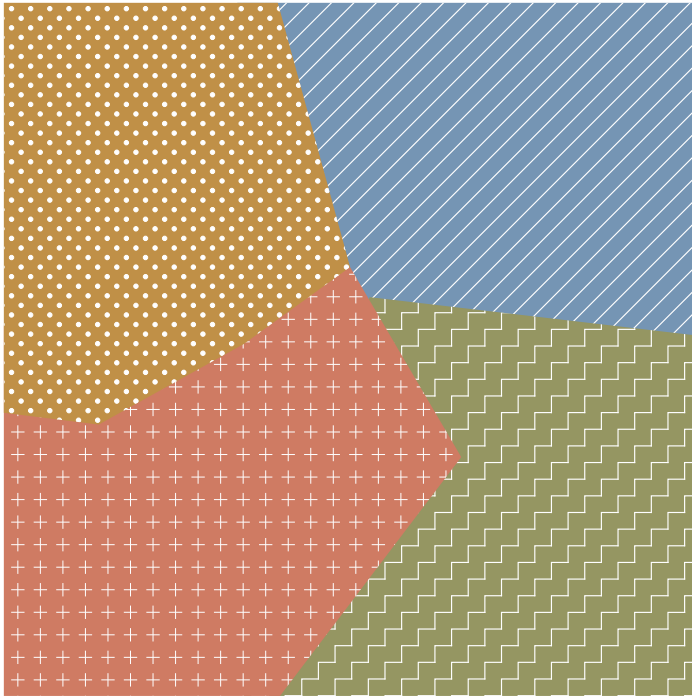


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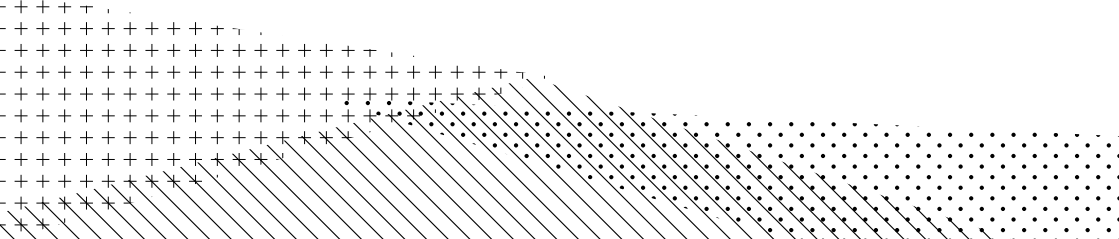


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WOSCAP (Whole of Society Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding) is a project aimed at enhancing the capabilities of the EU to implement conflict prevention and peacebuilding interventions through sustainable, comprehensive and innovative civilian means. It assesses current capabilities, and identifies gaps, best practices, lessons learned and research priorities.

Through a community of practice and dialogue forums, it also brings together policymakers, civilian and military practitioners, academic experts and the beneficiaries of EU interventions. It will result in a tailored set of recommendations on the policy priorities and information and communication technologies needed for effective civilian conflict prevention.



MAIN PROJECT OBJECTIVES



REVIEW

To assess past and ongoing conflict prevention and peacebuilding initiatives of the EU and its partners.



RECOMMEND

To complement and adjust existing capacities, policies, and initiatives for conflict prevention and peacebuilding, through an inclusive policy-practice dialogue and the development of policy recommendations.



REFLECT

To create an evidence base of best practices and lessons learned, to identify capability gaps in current EU and partner engagements, and to elaborate options for change and potential improvements in long-term civilian peacebuilding efforts.



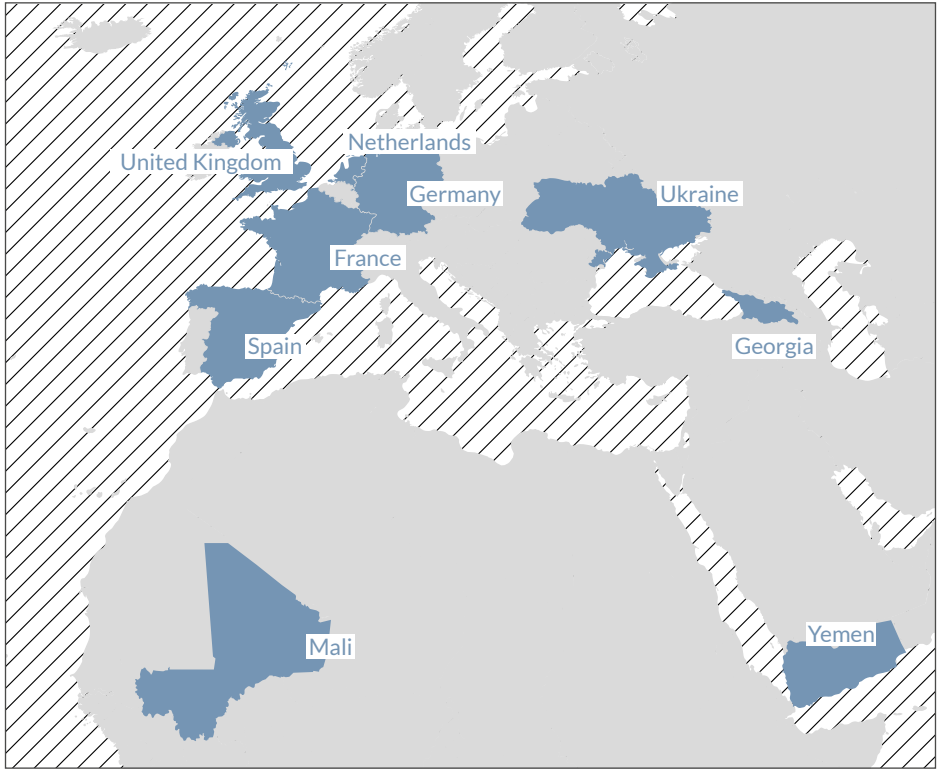
INNOVATE

To make a significant contribution to civilian conflict prevention and peacebuilding, by identifying future research priorities, and enhancing the potential of information and communication technologies.

WHY IS WOSCAP NECESSARY?

International peacebuilding interventions face two central challenges. Firstly, there is the issue of coordination and synergy in the field, due to an increasing range of national, regional and international actors involved in peacebuilding. Secondly, there is the necessity to ensure interventions are relevant to and owned by local populations, to be more effective in the long term. These challenges are inherent to international peacebuilding interventions, and are also pertinent to institutions such as the EU in seeking to improve their policies and instruments.

The WOSCAP project focuses on practical approaches and tools that can enable the EU to make its interventions more coherent and sustainable. These include means of engagement and collaboration between different stakeholder groups; use of innovative tools and methods to facilitate such engagement; strategies that build on local capacities and priorities for conflict prevention; and actions that support capacity enhancement of the EU and its partners in this endeavour.



PARTNERS

The WOSCAP consortium brings together academic institutions and peacebuilding practitioners with substantial track records in working on conflict and peacebuilding issues in- and outside of Europe.

It consists of ten institutional partners, including five leading academic institutions in Europe and four in case study countries (Mali, Georgia, Yemen, Ukraine), and the Global

Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), a global network of conflict prevention and peacebuilding practitioners. Some partners are also a member of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) network.

Moreover, GPPAC member institutions from the case study countries will support the project with a wide pool of experienced practitioners.

Organisation	Abbreviation	Country
Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (project coordination)*	GPPAC	Netherlands
Utrecht University (scientific coordination)	UU	Netherlands
London School of Economics and Political Science	LSE	UK
Institute for Research and Education on Negotiation, ESSEC Business School	IRENE	France
Berghof Foundation	BF	Germany
Escola Cultura de Pau, Barcelona Autonomous University	ECP	Spain
Institute of World Policy	IWP	Ukraine
Political Development Forum	PDF	Yemen
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	TSU	Georgia
Université des Sciences Juridiques et Politiques de Bamako	USJPB	Mali

* GPPAC members in case study countries are:
 - International Centre on Conflict and Negotiation
 - West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
 - Association of Middle East Studies

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. An assessment of past and potential civilian conflict prevention and peacebuilding capabilities of the EU, validated and supported by stakeholder engagement and a community of practice.
2. A tailored set of recommendations on the policy priorities and information and communication technologies needed for effective civilian conflict prevention, functioning in synergy with military efforts, enhanced by policy engagement and an international dissemination strategy.



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