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## EU-UN Partnerships in Crisis Management and Peace Operations: Best Practices and Next Steps

*A multi-stakeholder initiative with a series of expert meetings  
during the Italian Presidency of the EU in 2014*

"We — the UN, the AU and the EU, together with other key partners — need to do better. I am convinced that we can, if we use existing mechanisms and capacity much more effectively and predictably, and further strengthen others."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon at the Open Debate of the UN Security Council on *UN peacekeeping, regional partnerships and its evolution* on 29 July 2014.

Since the creation of the European External Action Service in December 2010 and the adoption of the *EU Plan of Action for CSDP Support to UN Peacekeeping* in June 2012, a new momentum has grown to foster UN-EU partnerships in peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

With the full implementation of the *Plan of Action* by the end of 2014, the EU will dispose of a unique *toolbox* that will be useful in working more closely with the UN on peacekeeping and peacebuilding processes. A key partnership was renewed and intensified with the *Joint Declaration on EU-UN Cooperation in Crisis Management* approved during the leadership of the Italian Presidency of the European Council in 2003, and the *2007 Joint Statement on EU-UN Cooperation in Crisis Management* during the German Presidency of the European Council in 2007.

This year, and in the spirit of these two documents, Italy, currently holding the Presidency of the EU, and Germany are jointly launching the initiative entitled *EU-UN Cooperation in Crisis Management and Peace Operations*. The related events are meant to facilitate an exchange of lessons learned and best practices in EU-UN cooperation, and aims at formulating potential future goals for this vital partnership.

The joint initiative was presented during the 29 July Open Debate of the UN Security Council. One goal of the project is to provide input also to the recently announced *Peacekeeping Review* of the UN Secretary General.

This multi-stakeholder dialogue project comprises six institutional and regional partners:

- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- German Federal Foreign Office
- Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Berlin

- Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSUP), Pisa
- European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris
- International Peace Institute (IPI), New York

In addition, the following EU and UN entities will closely cooperate with the initiative:

- UN Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support (DPKO/DFS), New York
- UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS), Brussels
- Crisis Management Planning Directorate (CMPD), Brussels
- Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC), Brussels

The key events of the initiative span from July to December 2014:

**NEW YORK, 17 July 2014:** The official launch of the initiative by the Italian and German Ambassador to the UN, the Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping, and the Head of the EU Delegation took place at an IPI Policy Forum on “EU-UN Partnership in Peace Operations: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward” in New York.

**ROME, 22-24 October 2014:** The first (of two) high-level seminars in a European capital. It will bring together EU and UN senior officials, representatives from EU member States and from relevant think tanks. The meeting will provide an opportunity to take stock of best practices and lessons learned from the EU’s support and contribution to UN Peace-keeping missions’ in terms of **military capabilities** (22 Oct.), **training issues** (23 Oct.) and a segment focused on "Europe’s New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management" (24 Oct.).

**BERLIN, 13 November 2014:** The second high-level seminar will highlight lessons learned and future cooperation in the field of **mandate coherence and mission planning** as well as **SSR and Rule of Law** activities.

**BRUSSELS, 10 December 2014:** Final conference where the outcomes, recommendations, and policy papers of the preceding expert seminars shall be presented and finalized.

For more information, please consult the following website: [www.EUUN2014.eu](http://www.EUUN2014.eu)