

## 1325 EU Partnership on gender, peace and security

The 1325 EU Partnership was instigated by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) Gender, Peace, and Security group<sup>1</sup> to provide a forum for policy makers to enhance discussion and understanding of gender perspectives and implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 [2000] on women, peace and security (UNSCR 1325), within the EU.

The primary goal of the **1325 EU Partnership** is promotion, awareness raising and implementation of UNSCR 1325 at EU level. It aims to do so by linking people and disseminating information across the EU institutions, national and international institutions (in the EU), governments, military, academia and field- and EU-based NGOs. In particular, the 1325 EU Partnership will achieve its aims by concentrating on highlighting practical examples, best practices and lessons learnt across various thematic areas and contexts, to augment gender awareness, understanding and mainstreaming.

Thus, the Partnership intends to contribute to overcoming the present knowledge gap and relative paucity of coordination and communication between the different actors in relevant institutions - both at EU and national levels - and their respective field deployments, as well as linking with NGOs, agencies, UN, academia and civil society and their work in this area.

The added value of the 1325 EU Partnership lies in its opportune placement to better link the expertise and knowledge of the above actors with a long track record of working on implementation of 1325, as well as further engaging actors that do not work on gender perspectives and 1325 to promote and augment gender mainstreaming and implementation of 1325. Consequently, joint ideas on improvement in EU delivery could be identified and potentially addressed informally.

By bringing together the expertise and varied perspectives of different actors it is hoped that, with a move towards fuller implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, an enhancement of the capacities of the EU in the field of security, conflict prevention and peacebuilding will be possible.

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