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Putting the German guidelines into practice: Civilian instruments at the forefront

YOUR INVITATION

10 December 2018, 11h30–14h00

**Ecumenical Centre of the Protestant Church
Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz**
Georgenkirchstraße 70 – 10249 Berlin

In the 2017 *Policy Guidelines on Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts and Building Peace*, Germany puts forward a strategy where civilian instruments are the first response to violent conflict. The guidelines outline how different initiatives, such as mediation or election assistance, can contribute to peace if they are part of a holistic strategy. In a context where Europe is reinforcing its military capacity, some wonder how Germany is going to put its policy guidelines into practice and ensure priority is given to conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

National policies such as the German guidelines come into the context of several recent international frameworks that recognise that the root causes and dynamics of conflict are changing. Seeking a fresh approach to peace and security, the 2016 *EU Global Strategy* proposes an integrated approach to conflicts and crises. It highlights the importance of working with multiple actors such as communities and civil society in order to build sustainable peace.

Building Peace Together: a practical resource, recently published by the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), shows how peacebuilding is not solely the domain of diplomats or NGOs on the ground but can be everyone's business. It demonstrates how forty tools such as access to justice, sports projects, and community-based security can each transform conflict peacefully when principles, such as inclusiveness and building on drivers of peace, are mainstreamed through different sectors and strata of society.

QCEA, the Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz (EKBO) and the European peace church network Church and Peace are organising an event that will discuss the crossroads between German government and civil society in their work on peacebuilding. In particular it will explore how civil society and government can work together to implement the German guidelines.

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Questions that the event will explore

- » How can the German government and civil society work together better in terms of:
 - *conflict prevention*
 - *early warning*
 - *peacebuilding*
- » How can civil society help monitor the implementation of the guidelines in accordance with peacebuilding principles?
- » How can civil society, both in Germany and in the field, help to understand and address root causes of conflict?

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

11:30	Registration, tea & coffee	
12:00	Opening remarks and greetings	Protestant Church of Berlin-Brandenburg Upper Silesia (EKBO)
12:15	Presentation of <i>Building Peace Together: a practical resource</i>	<i>Interview:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antje Heider-Rottwilm, Church and Peace• Olivia Caeymaex, Peace Programme Lead, QCEA
12:35	Panel discussion on <i>Policy Guidelines on Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts and Building Peace (2017)</i>	<i>Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Roger Schnabel, EKBO – <i>moderator</i>• Olivia Caeymaex, QCEA• Christian Resch, Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Post-Conflict Management and Humanitarian Assistance at the German Federal Foreign Office• Angela Mickley, Conflict Management and Mediation at the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam• Ottmar von Holtz, Member of Parliament
13:30	Open forum with panel	As above + audience
14:00	Get-together over light lunch	

RSVP

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to KED1@bmw.ekbo.de by **6 December**.

Thank you!