



SHUR Policy Meeting

***Human Rights in Conflict:  
The Role of Civil Society***

10 November 2009  
15:00-18:30

European Parliament  
60, Rue Wiertz  
(Room A1E1)  
Brussels



The meeting will present to the policy community in Brussels the main results of the research project SHUR on the role of civil society actors in ethno-political conflicts ([www.luiss.it/shur](http://www.luiss.it/shur)).

The European Union has identified peace-making, the respect for human rights and the development of civil society as key priorities in its external relations. Non-governmental actors have become key players in ethno-political conflicts, both as violators and as promoters of human rights. This has been facilitated by the transformation of these conflicts, increasingly characterised by high intensity in intra-border ethno-religious tensions and strong international appeal to human rights protection. Yet neither have the precise inter-relationships underpinning the human rights-civil society-conflict nexus been fully understood, nor has the potential complementarity between non-governmental and EU actors been sufficiently explored.

Shur's overall objective is thus to analyse the impact of civil society on ethno-political conflicts through human rights, and to identify the means to strengthen the complementary actions of civil society and EU actors. It does so by analysing four case studies in the European neighbourhood: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Turkey-Kurds, and Israel-Palestine. Through the comparative examination of these cases, Shur draws policy guidelines tailored to governmental and non-governmental civil society action.

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Registration

Registration for the meeting should be received in advance. Please send your name and affiliation by November 4 to the following address [shur@luiss.it](mailto:shur@luiss.it)

Agenda of the meeting (as per: 05.10.09)

- 15:00-15:05 Welcome and presentation of the SHUR project – LUISS
- 15:05-15:20 The European Parliament, Human Rights and the Role of Civil Society in Conflicts - Heidi Hautala, MEP - President - Sub-Committee on Human Rights - invited.
- 15:20-15:50 Presentation of the results of the Israel/Palestine and Turkey/Kurdish issue case studies
- 15:50-16:20 Presentation of the results of the Bosnia-Herzegovina and Cyprus case studies
- 16:20-16:30 Break
- 16:30-17:00 Presentation of the comparative results
- 17:00-17:20 Q&A and discussion
- 17:20-17:40 Presentation of the policy prescriptions
- 17:40-17:55 Remarks by the European Commission - Angela Liberatore - DG Research
- 17:55-18:00 Closing – LUISS