

# **EU Peacebuilding Initiative (formerly EU Partnership for Peace Programme)**

## ***The EU and the Middle East Peace Process***

Resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is a fundamental interest of the EU. The EU's objective is a two-state solution with an independent, democratic, viable and contiguous Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace and security and mutual recognition with Israel and its other neighbours.

The EU has been deeply concerned about developments on the ground, which threaten to make a two-state solution impossible. The only way to resolve the conflict is through an agreement that ends the occupation which began in 1967, that ends all claims and that fulfils the aspirations of both parties. A lasting solution must be achieved on the basis of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, the Madrid principles including land for peace, the Roadmap, agreements previously reached by the parties and of the Arab Peace Initiative.

If an agreement to finally end the conflict was reached, the door would open to a deepened and enhanced cooperation among all the countries of the region.

## ***The EU Peacebuilding Initiative (formerly EU Partnership for Peace programme)***

The EU Peacebuilding Initiative, which has replaced the EU Partnership for Peace programme, aims to support and promote the conditions for a sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Arab conflict through civil society projects and citizens' positive engagement.

The programme is divided into two parts, which:

1. aim to promote conditions for a negotiated settlement of the conflict via participatory civil engagement, and via enhanced mutual understanding, confidence and trust;

2. contribute to peacebuilding through joint work supporting socio-economic development in, and empowerment of, the most conflict-affected communities.

Projects are generally initiated by Israeli, Palestinian and/or Jordanian organizations, but also include partnerships with European and other regional actors. Projects may target stakeholders either in Israel or Palestine or Jordan (unilaterally or jointly), and activities should take place locally within the region.

***EUPI facts and figures***

- The EUPI annual budget is 5 million Euro.
- The EU contribution can range between 200,000 and 500,000 Euros per project.
- The maximum EU contribution is 80% of the total project budget.
- Project duration ranges from 24-48 months

## LIST OF ONGOING PROJECTS

### Call for Proposals 2015 (136-549)

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/ End date	Total budget/ EU contribution (EUR)	Summary
Developing New Leadership to Initiate Strategies and Actions to Promote a Negotiated Political Resolution	School for Peace at Neve Shalom/ Wahat al-Salam (IL)	Inmaa Palestine Center (PS)	01/02/16 31/01/19	635,386 499,921	The overall objective is to engage Palestinian and Israeli up-and coming leaders to advance the two state solution and develop projects that promote public trust and support for an equitable peace agreement.
Shared Education in a Divided Society – – Leveraging Educational Partnerships for Systemic Change	Centre for Educational Technology (IL)	Beit Berl College (IL) AJEEC-NISPED (IL)	01/02/2016 31/07/2018	598,966 479,173	The project aims to support conflict transformation by promoting mutual understanding & cooperation between Jewish and Arab educators & students mainly on substantive, curriculum based activities through the introduction, adaptation and institutionalization of a proven European model for collaborative education within divided societies.
Women Bringing Peace: Building the foundation for full participation of women pursuing Peace	Itaach Maaki – Women Lawyers for Social Justice (IL)	Women Wage Peace (IL) The Adam Institute (IL)	01/02/2016 31/07/2018	595,135 476,108	The project aims to promote the conditions for a negotiated solution to the regional conflict by integrating broad women's voices and involvement in political and civil action for peace and security.

Medicine in the Service of Peace - A cross-border Israeli-Palestinian Professional Medical Cooperation Program	The Peres Center for Peace (IL)		01/01/2016 31/12/2018	624,542 499,633	The project aims to strengthen and increase concrete cooperation and professional partnership between Israeli and Palestinian healthcare systems and healthcare professionals.
Developing a Joint Jewish-Arab Vision for a Shared Society in Israel	Havazelet Givat Haviva Cultural and Educational Institute (IL)		01/01/2016 31/12/2017	403,777 323,021	The project aims to develop a joint vision and implementable, measurable goals for a shared society between Jews and Arabs in Israel.
Land of Hopes and Dreams - Spreading Nonviolent Conflict Transformation in the West Bank	Associazione Comunita Papa Giovanni XXIII (IT)	Rabbis For Human Rights (IL)	31/12/15 30/12/17	368,429 288,177	The project aims to strengthen and replicate successful nonviolent approaches and experiences in other marginalized communities in the Hebron area.
Peace for Sight	Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe EV	St John Eye Hospital Jerusalem  Hadassah Medical Organization	01/02/16 31/01/19	756,543 490,065	The project aims to contribute to long-lasting peace between Israel and Palestine and form a solid platform for co-existence based on addressing an unmet medical need in an underprivileged sector of the Palestinian population.
Making Public Opinion a Force for Palestinian-Israeli Peace	Palestinian Center For Policy And Survey Research (PS)		29/12/15 28/12/18	587,548 470,038	The project aims at increasing general public support for two-state solution compromises, increase support for compromise among "problematic" constituencies, reduce level of distrust and misperception and increase elite and policy makers' awareness.

Drama for Peace Building and conflict transformation in the Gaza Strip.	Fekra Arts Institute (PS)		28/12/15 27/06/18	516,917 413,533	The project promotes sustainable conflict transformation through peace education (in particular via animation and drama) among school children (4000 boys and girls) and teachers in 40 schools and in 10 disabled NGOs in Gaza.
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### Call for Proposals 2014 (135-256)

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/End date	Total amount/EU contribution EUR	Summary
Ultra-Orthodox and Arabs Work Together to Build a Shared Society through Social Action	The Citizens Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel		01/01/2015 31/12/2016	359,375 287,500	The project aims to make a significant contribution toward increasing the involvement of different populations, specifically the ultra-Orthodox, in building a shared society and advancing peace.
Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian Dialogue on Future Security Arrangements in the Jordan Valley	Economic Cooperation Foundation	Peace and Democracy Forum Amman Center for Peace and Development	01/01/2015 31/12/2016	544,813 435,850	The project will jointly examine the type of security arrangements needed to address future security challenges in the Jordan Valley in the context of a Permanent Status Agreement through a trilateral Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian dialogue on the nature of these challenges and on possible international and regional contribution to future security arrangements.

The Heart of the Matter	Save a Child's Heart in Memory of Dr. Ami Cohen		01/01/2015 31/12/2016	984,592 492,296	The project aims to reduce of the effects of the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis by focusing on issues of common concern and by changing the perception of the "other" through collaboration and cooperation within the health sector.
Solutions for Electronic Waste Disposal Affecting Palestinians and Israelis.	Green Land Society	AJEEC-NISPED Association	01/01/2015 31/12/2017	586,180 468,944	By developing a socially beneficial model for e-waste disposal, the project aims to ameliorate health and environmental risks and address economic dependency of the Palestinian economy in southern Hebron on the Israeli transport of e-waste.
Civil society cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli professionals in the field of disabilities as a means of promoting peace building.	Hope Flowers Society		15/02/2015 14/02/2018	579,268 463,414	The project builds capacity among Palestinian professionals working with children with developmental disabilities and to contribute to peace building and mutual understanding between Israelis and Palestinians professionals working in the field of disabilities.
Palestinian Youth as Agents of Change	Danish Red Cross	Palestinian Red Crescent Society	01/04/2015 31/03/2017	664,284 500,000	The project builds capacity among Palestinian youth living in Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon in non-violent conflict resolution.
My Right to My Future - Women's Participation in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution - My Right"	Care Austria	Women's Affairs Technical Committee	01/04/2015 30/09/2017	624,669 499,735	The project promotes women leadership, and aims to shift social attitudes towards women's participation in the political sphere, promoting especially young women's role in peace building and reconciliation.

Advancing the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Palestine	UN WOMEN	The Culture and Free Thought Association  The General Union of Palestinian Women	01/01/2015 31/12/2017	602,217 481,773	The project contributes to the development of an enabling environment for women's leadership and participation in conflict resolution, state-building and peace processes in Palestine on the basis of UNSCR 1325.
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### Call for Proposals 2013 (133-831)

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/End date	Total amount/EU contribution EUR	Summary
Regional capacity building for disaster management -RegDis	Ben Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) (IL)	Jordan Red Crescent (PS)  Green Land Society for Health Development (PS)  Magen David Adom (IL)	01/03/2014 28/02/2017	495,209 396,167	The project aims to develop capacity and resilience of rural communities in Jordan, Palestine and Israel to cope with disasters, including cross-border collaboration in emergency response.

The Arabic Language in the Public Sphere in Israel: The Academic Campus and Beyond	Dirasat Arab Center for Law and Policy (IL)	Sikkuy: The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality (IL)  Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (IL)	01/01/2014 30/06/2016	458,115 366,492	The aim of the project is to use the Arabic language as a tool for promoting peace, equality and tolerance in Israel.
Across Two Narratives: The Israeli-Palestinian Parallel Narrative Experience	Parents Circle- Families Forum (IL)	-	01/01/2014 30/06/2016	599,444 479,555	The overall objective of this action is to drive a reconciliation process among Israelis and Palestinians as a necessary catalyst for a negotiated agreement.
Building capacity and sustainability for a Palestinian-Israeli negotiated final status agreement	Palestinian Peace Coalition (PS)	H.L. Education for Peace – Geneva Initiative (IL)  Centro Italiano per la Pace in Medio Oriente (CIPMO) (IT)	02/01/2014 01/01/2016	491,569 393,255	The project aims to maintain and increase support among Israeli and Palestinian public for a negotiated final-status agreement, and build capacity for dealing with the conflict among specific target groups, in order to produce long-term change in attitudes, stereotypes and approaches to conflict resolution.
Addressing Israeli Actions and its Land Policies in the oPt	Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (PS)	Land Research Center (PS)  Kerem Navot (IL)	04/06/2014 03/12/2016	621,300 497,040	The project monitors, analyses and documents all Israel's actions and land policies in Palestine, with the aim to disseminate the collected information to key stakeholders, and advocate for a better environment for peace.

Building sustainable peace through API: regional civil society initiative	The Center for Democracy and Community Development (PS)	Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (IL) IKV Pax Christi (NL) United Religions Initiative (JO)	02/01/2014 01/01/2016	571,128 456,902	The project works to advance the API at three levels by: 1. facilitating the creation of a dedicated cadre of policy/decision-makers in Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East committed to the API; 2. strengthening the regional civil society network for the support of Middle East peace and security; 3. creating new cadres of youth and marginalized groups for the support of the API in Israel and in the region.
Promoting Israeli-Palestinian cross border cooperation in nature conservation and eco-tourism	Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (DE)	Palestinian Wildlife Society (PS) Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (IL)	02/01/2014 01/01/2017	563,654 450,923	The project aims to raise institutional and professional capacity of Palestinian organisations and individuals for the conservation and sustainable management of natural assets, as a contribution to the viability of a Two States Solution.
Builders of Peace: refugee youth forum	Lajoon Center Association (PS)	-	19/12/2013 18/12/2016	393,326 314,660	The project aims to instil a stronger peace culture among Palestinian refugee communities by enhancing the role and strengthening the influence of Palestinian peace builders and peace movements.

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