

EU Partnership for Peace Programme

EU's position on the Middle East Peace Process

The achievement of lasting peace in the Middle East is a central aim of the EU, whose main objective is: a two-State solution leading to a final and comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on implementation of the Road Map, with Israel and a democratic, viable, peaceful and sovereign Palestinian State living side-by-side within secure and recognised borders enjoying normal relations with their neighbours in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 242, 338, 1397, 1402, and 1515 and on the principles of the Madrid Conference.

This includes:

- a fair solution to the complex issue of Jerusalem and a just, viable, realistic and agreed solution to the problem of Palestinian refugees.
- a solution in the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks.

The EU sees a need to address political, economic, humanitarian and security issues simultaneously, wherever necessary via negotiations between the Parties. It recognises that continued and comprehensive Palestinian reforms are necessary and national reconciliation is a basic step to move forward the solution of the conflict. On the other hand, the EU calls the freezing of settlement activities and dismantling of settlement outposts and Israeli abstention from measures which are not in accordance with international law, including extra-judicial killings and collective punishment.

The EU unreservedly condemns terrorism, violence or incitement, which cannot be allowed to hold the peace process or stability in the region hostage. Terrorist attacks against Israel have no justification whatsoever and the EU has included Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other armed Palestinian groups in its list of banned terrorist organisations. The EU recognises Israel's right to protect its citizens from these attacks, but emphasizes that the Israeli Government, in exercising this right, should act within international law and takes no action that aggravates the humanitarian and economic situation of the Palestinians. The assumption of full control of security by the PA in areas under its authority is a key test for the Palestinian Authority and the EU urges it to show determination in the fight against extremist violence and to confront individuals and groups conducting and planning terrorist attacks

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The EU Partnership for Peace Programme supports local and international civil society initiatives that promote peace, tolerance and non violence in the Middle East. The objective of this support is to contribute to the rebuilding of confidence within each society and between societies.

The programme aims to promote initiatives in areas which are likely to have an impact on people's everyday lives and welfare, including practical activities which will promote communication and understanding by demonstrating the advantages of working together for mutual benefit and tangible results.

The programme is jointly managed by the Office of the EU Representative (West Bank and Gaza, UNRWA) the EU Delegation in Israel, and the EU Delegation in Jordan.

- A Call for Proposals is published annually or bi-annually and the selection is made by an evaluation committee composed of representatives from each of the three EU offices
- The annual budget ranges from EURO 5 - 10 million
- The number of selected projects varies from 15 to 25 for each Call for Proposals
- The EU contributions range from EURO 100,000 – 500,000
- The maximum EU contribution is 80%
- The maximum duration for a project is 36 months
- Projects can be implemented either at national level or at bi/multinational level.
- Only non-profit non-governmental organisations from the Mediterranean Partner Countries or EU Member States or countries that are beneficiaries of Pre-Accession Assistance or Member States of the European Economic Area are eligible to apply.

LIST OF ON GOING PROJECTS

Call for Proposals 2012

Title	Contractor	Partner/s	Starting date/ End date	Total amount/EC contribution EUR	Summary
Grassroots Activists for Just Peace and Gender Equality	CARE Österreich (AU)	Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC) (PS)	01/01/2013 31/12/2014	669,350 468,545	In the spirit of UNSCR 1325 and 1820, the project aims at enhancing women involvement in order to mobilize communities for building peace and security in 30 conflict-affected communities in the oPt. Women (and men) in those marginalised communities are reached out through the WATC's network and empowered through intensive training. Advocacy action at media and political level, are also undertaken.
Palestinian Youth Promoting National Reconciliation between Conflicting Parties in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip by Advocating for Internal Dialogue and Mutual Understanding	Save Youth Future Society (PS)	Juzoor For Health and Social Development (PS)	15/01/2013 14/01/2015	645,487 499,755	The objective of the action is to empower youth in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to achieve a sustainable national reconciliation process by promoting peace education as well as dialogue and mutual understanding between conflicting partners. The target youth will go through an Intensive program on peace education, dialogue and national reconciliation so as for then carry out mobilisation and advocacy campaigns.
Media for peace building in Palestine	Elamona for Media Research and Development (PS)	-	07/01/2013 06/01/2015	272,022 217,617	The action will build Palestinian (both in the West Bank and Gaza) journalists, independent media outlets, media professionals' capacity on effective media work for promoting peace building, social cohesion, non-violence. The trainees will then create media products, such as TV and radio programmes, articles, etc. promoting a culture of peace and mutual understanding.
Addressing fear: strengthening the nonviolent alternative	NOVA –Centre per a la Innovació Social (ES)	Coalition of Women for Peace (IL); The Popular Struggle Coordination Committee	01/01/2013 31/03/2014	498,435 355,130	The action aims at increasing human security of communities directly affected by the conflict in the West Bank, through the creation of a Conflict Early Warning Early Response System (CEWERS) network of 13 communities able to ensure respect for rights of individuals and communities.

		(PS); Al-Quds University (PS)			
Towards a Shared Society: Changing Perceptions and Attitudes through an innovative educational program that emphasizes universal values	Hagar (IL)	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (IL)	10/03/2013 09/03/2016	322,518 258,015	The project aims to reduce prejudices and biases among teachers, children and their families in order to create the necessary infrastructure needed for a negotiated solution and coexistence in the Middle East.
Medicine in the Service of Peace – A cross-border Israeli-Palestinian Professional Medical Cooperation Program	Peres Centre for Peace (IL)	The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PA)	01/01/2013 30/06/2015	624,054 499,244	The project aims to facilitate opportunities for concrete cooperation and professional partnership between the Israeli and Palestinian healthcare systems in order to promote peace and confidence building between the two communities, and broaden the base of support to a negotiated solution of the conflict through building mutual trust and capacity for conflict resolution.
Renewed Jewish-Arab Relations in Israel – a Dialogue Platform	Citizen Accord (IL)	N/A	01/01/2013 31/12/2014	643,070 469,505	The project aims to facilitate tangible progress towards a transformative solution of the core issues and episodic problems of the conflict between Jews and Arabs within Israel, aiming at reaching agreements on a variety of issues under dispute through use of Applied Deliberative Dialogue
Connecting through Technology: Building effective engagement between the Arab communities of the Triangle region and Israel's technology industry sector	Tsofen (IL)	Injaz Center for Professional Arab Local Governance (IL)	01/01/2013 31/12/2014	714,335 500,000	The project aims to build an effective engagement between the Arab communities of the Triangle region and Israel's technology industry sector, creating a model for economic sustainability, a more dignified quality of life for Arab communities, and a more even playing field for Jewish-Arab relations in Israel.
Creating an Israeli Action Plan for the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000)	Itach Maakai (IL)	Centre for the Women in the Public Sphere (WIPS) at the Van Leer	01/01/2013 31/12/2014	542,291 441,202	The project aims to produce an Israeli Action Plan based on a revised and expanded conceptualization of "security" to include gender perspectives and diverse women's voices, in light of the principles of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.

		Jerusalem Institute (IL)			
		Agenda, Israeli Center for Strategic Communication (IL)			
The Heart of the Matter	Save a Child's Heart (IL)	Seeds of Peace (IL)	01/01/13-31/12/14	1,000,000 500,000	The objective of the project is to increase encounters between Israelis and Palestinians, focused on improving paediatric health care in the OPT and saving the lives of children.
Peer-Leadership Programme for the promotion of non-violent conflict resolution, tolerance and mutual understanding	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Amman Center for Peace and Development	14/12/2012 13/06/2015	703,990 500,000	The overall objective to which the project shall contribute is a positive change in attitudes towards the "other" among the youth of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Jordan. The specific objective of the action is to reinforce the capacities and dialogue between youth, teachers and local CBOs on non-violent conflict resolution

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Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum	Panorama – Palestinian Center for Dissemination of Democracy & Community	Peace Now (IL)	01/01/2012 01/01/2014	508,748 406,998	The Forum aims to sustain strong relations between Palestinian and Israeli Peace NGOs, to increase the breadth and effectiveness of their work and to enhance their capacities.

	Development (PA)				
Sustainable Planning as a Tool to Promote Dialogue and Cooperation between Palestinians and Israelis	The Arab Center for Alternative Planning Association (ACAP) (IL)	Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ) (PA)	01/12/2011 01/12/2014	419,888 335,910	The aim of this project is to bring Arab and Jewish Israelis together with Palestinians to share experiences, engage in dialogue on sustainable planning processes, and work together to develop a 'Sustainable Planning Guidelines Document'.
Tourism: Using economic growth and cross-border cooperation to strengthen coexistence	Gilboa Regional Council (IL)	-	01/01/2012 01/01/2015	605,333 302,667	The overall objective of the project is to build a tourism industry in the Gilboa-Jenin regions that attracts Israeli, Palestinian and international tourists, creates a sense of trust and community between Israelis and Palestinians.
Partners in Business, Partners in Peace: Increasing Capacities for Israeli-Palestinian Business Cooperation	The Peres Center for Peace (IL)	PalTrade (Palestinian Trade Center) (PA)	01/02/2012 01/02/2014	572,621 458,097	The project aims to enhance Israeli-Palestinian business and economic relations with an emphasis on increasing the level of Palestinian exports to Israel, and maximizing the business potential for both sides.
Base for Discussion (B4D)	United Nations Development Program – Program of Assistance to the Palestinian People (International organisation)	INJAZ – the Arab Municipal Governance Center (IL) The Van-Leer Institute (IL) The Jerusalem Haredi College (IL)	13/12/2011 13/12/2013	584,968 467,974	B4D's overall objective is to contribute to peaceful coexistence through the development of long-term visions of peace in key sectors of Israeli society: Arab citizens of Israel, the traditional-religious community, and the Russian-speaking population.
The Regional Implications of the Establishment of a Palestinian State	Netanya Academic College (IL)		01/12/2011 01/12/2013	422,000 337,600	The project aims to provide a clear picture of the regional implications of the establishment of a Palestinian state, through the ongoing research and study of working groups comprised of Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians.
Russian Speaking Community in Israel and	Morashteinu (Our	-	01/01/2012 01/01/2014	192,939 149,914	The project aims to increase engagement with and between Russian-speaking Israelis, and to foster awareness of the

the Peace Process: Bridging the Divide	Heritage – The Charter for Democracy) (IL)				political, historical and social factors affecting their immediate regional environment.
Breaking New Ground in Community Economic Development	Tel Aviv University (TAU) (IL)	Arous Elbahr (IL) El Rabita (IL)	01/12/2011 01/12/2014	536,101 428,881	The project aims to contribute to reducing the poverty gap in Israel, which is a major root cause for ongoing tensions between communities. Innovative community economic development strategies will be developed in order to encourage cross-community and cross-sector cooperation.
Neighbours United: Peace Leadership for Today and Tomorrow	Hapoel Tel-Aviv Education and Society (IL)	-	01/03/2012 01/03/2015	584,377 467,502	The project aims to use a common love of football to promote opportunities for face-to-face cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians in each society's marginalised populations. Young people will be trained in youth leadership and sport as a means of professional training and peaceful coexistence.
From Margins to Mainstream – Fostering Jewish Palestinian Partnership Practices in Israeli Communities	Sadaka Reut – Arab Jewish Youth Partnership (IL)	Mahapach-Taghir (IL) Oxfam GB (UK)	01/12/2011 01/06/2014	542,250 387,166	The project aims to contribute to a more equitable and just society in Israel and promote peace building between Israelis and Palestinians through conflict transformation and partnership.
Breaking the Cycle of Alienation: Coexistence through Education	Efshar Acheret Association (A New Way) (IL)	-	01/12/2011 23/01/2013	283,226 186,929	The project aims to foster pluralism and respect for cultural diversity among Jewish and Arab citizens and re-establish and strengthen participatory democracy and civic involvement as a strong basis for common identity and action.
Knowing the Other through Publishing Valid, Comprehensive and Objective Information about Israel and the Israeli Society	Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (MADAR) (PA)	-	01/12/2011 30/11/2014	510,701 360,000	The project aims to disseminate information about Israeli socio-political issues inside the oPt, through a website, a supplement in the Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, and annual strategic reports, written by Palestinian and Israeli authors and lectures.
Promoting the Arab Peace Initiative as a basis for Middle Eastern Comprehensive Peace	The Center for Democracy and Community Development	Samenwerkingsverband IKV Pax Christi (NL) Negev	18/10/2011 17/10/2013	569,267 455,414	The action targets decision and policy makers in Israel, oPt, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, in addition to the Quartet and the EU and the civil society of the mentioned countries, in order to campaign for the promotion of the API and its implementation. This latter will be fostered through the drafting of a "Regional Action Plan for the implementation of

	(PA)	Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (IL)			API".
Addressing the Geopolitical Changes in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (PA)	Land Research Center (PA)	04/10/2011 03/06/2014	499,021 399,217	The project aims to continue monitoring and recording all land issues in occupied Palestinian territory including land confiscations, obstructions, house demolitions and borders through the use of GIS systems. Information is provided to international community, including EU Members States and other stakeholders, negotiators, Palestinian Authority, etc.
Enhancing Momentum Toward a Negotiated Palestinian-Israeli Final Status Agreement	Palestinian Peace Coalition Association (PA)	H. L. Education for Peace, Ltd. – The Geneva Initiative (IL) Centro Italiano per la Pace in Medio Oriente (CIPMO) (IT)	01/11/2011 31/10/2013	484,060 387,248	Through a variety of outreach activities, the project aims at promoting peace, specifically the Geneva Peace Initiative, among the wide public, including veto groups. The kind of activities that will be carried out are seminars, education for women, leadership skills in the Palestinian side, and tours, conferences, internet campaign in the Israeli side.
So Far So Close III - Conflict transformation in the most marginalized areas of the West Bank	Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII - Condivisione fra i Popoli (IT)	Alternative Information Centre (IL)	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	464,503 371,602	The project aims to monitor activities of settlers and the IDF in the South Hebron Hills, in support of the local popular committee which has adopted a non-violent approach to resist the occupation. The information on settlers and IDF violations gathered during the daily accompanying work are provided to human rights NGOs and media.
Education and Communications for Tolerance, Dialogue and Internal Reconciliation in the Palestinian Territories	Association of Society Voice for Social and Developing Work (PA)	-	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	299,750 239,800	The project aims to empower the role of young people seeking a strategic peaceful change by building a coalition of at least 50 Community Based Organisations which rely on concepts and practices of peace building, reconciliation, tolerance and non-violence.

Investing in Peace II	Mercy Corps Scotland (UK)	Palestinian Information and Technology Association of Companies (PITA) (PA) Information Technology Telecommunications and Electronics Association (Intellect) (UK)	01/11/2011 31/10/2013	625,000 500,000	The project aims to facilitate concrete business partnerships and transfer of technical capacity from IL to PAL ICT companies, and will report on opportunities in PAL ICT sector.
Good Water Neighbours: building foundations for peace through education and practical actions that promote just and efficient management of trans-boundary water resources	Friends of the Earth Middle East (PA/IL/JO)	-	01/11/2011 31/10/2013	999,949 500,000	1500 Jewish and Palestinian youth in communities which run along the border of IL/PAL will jointly participate in environmental awareness and educational activities for protecting water resources. Action includes teaching youth how to use GIS systems.
PATENT 'Partnership for Advocacy, Technology and Entrepreneurship'	Qeiadat Association (PA)	The Galilee Society (IL)	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	636,395 500,000	The project aims to develop Palestinian R&D capacity by providing for joint work with Israeli academics and involvement in the Galilee research centre (for Arab R&D academics) in Israel.
Fair Trade, Fair Peace	Cooperazione Per Lo Sviluppo Dei Paesi Emergenti (IT)	Sindyanna of Galilee for Progress and Development (IL) Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans	01/03/2012 31/08/2014	626,911 500,000	Through development of fair trade handicraft and commercialisation, the project aims at improving dialogue and cooperation between Palestinian and Arab Israeli craftsmen as well as to provide economic opportunities for marginalised producers in Bethlehem and Kufr Manda

		Association (PA) Cooperativa Sociale "Commercio Equo e Solidale" (IT) Consorzio Iniziative Sociali (IT) Province of Ancona (IT)			
Supporting Cross-Community Activism Among Separated Palestinian Communities	The British Council (UK)	MA'AN Development Centre (PA) Arab Association for Human Rights (IL) Leaders of Tomorrow (JO) Faith Matters (UK)	01/09/2012 31/08/2015	624,934 499,947	Young women and men aged 18-30 from Palestinian communities in the West Bank, Israel, and Jordan will engage through needs-based, shared development projects that they themselves define and manage. Particularly targeted are certain veto communities (e.g. rights-based groups of refugees advocating for the implementation of Resolution 181, groups who do not recognise Israel, etc.). They will learn from each other, become exposed to each others' realities, and exchange experiences with each other drawing from UK expertise (i.e. in community conflict resolution) where appropriate and relevant.

Call for Proposals 2009

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Women Can Do Change	Psycho Social Counselling Center for Women (PSCCW) (PA)	Women and Horizons – Nissa Wa Afaq (IL) Sisterhood Is Global Institute (JO)	01/01/2010 01/01/2013	328,282.92 262,626.3	Through the creation of a new culture built on women's platform of non-violence, the project will strengthen the role of women in building peace and resolving conflicts peacefully in 26 sites in the West Bank, Jordan and the West Bank. To this aim, the project will form 26 groups and will provide them with extensive training program on different subjects such as resolving disputes by peaceful means, negotiation, persuasion, mobilization and advocacy skills.

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 DE Germany
 ES Spain
 FR France
 IL Israel
 IT Italy
 JO Jordan
 NL Netherlands
 OPT Occupied Palestinian Territory
 PS Palestine
 UK United Kingdom