



DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILISATION AND REINTEGRATION OF FORMER COMBATANTS (DDR)

The EU plays a strong role in international peace processes and conflict prevention. It is a reliable partner for institutions and organisations working to alleviate human suffering and promote sustainable development, and a peace and security provider through the unique role of the civilian and military CSDP missions and operations.

Conflicts are increasingly complex and protracted, as armed groups:



are more fragmented and active across international borders



are sometimes linked to terrorist organisations



exploit social, ethnic, cultural, economic, political, religious and security grievances

Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration supports:



individuals or groups who voluntarily lay down their arms and break away from armed structures to live as civilians



communities where former combatants and their associates (re)integrate



the transition from armed confrontation to **political engagement and inclusive governance**

A NEW APPROACH

The EU's new Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration policy will



match the ambition of a stronger Europe in the world



support the UN's sustainable peace agenda



contribute to the prevention of conflict re-occurrence



promote sustainable transitions from conflict to peace



prevent spill-over effects from neighbouring regions that could affect the EU's security

It will be based on



An integrated approach, making use of all available tools tailored to each specific context



Ownership of these processes at the national and local level



Strong partnerships with third countries and international organisations

THE EU STANDS READY TO SUPPORT DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILISATION AND REINTEGRATION BY



Linking swift assistance to long-term engagement and principled commitment tools tailored to each specific context



Working at all stages of conflict, even when violence is ongoing



Making use of all tools, policies and instruments of the EU Integrated Approach

EXAMPLES OF EU ENGAGEMENT

COLOMBIA



The EU plays a fundamental role in the Colombian peace process:

- supporting the negotiations leading to the peace agreement and its implementation
- stimulates trust and dialogue between Former FARC-EP and the Government
- supporting the socio-economic and political reincorporation of former combatants, e.g. by supporting productive projects and vocational training, housing and access to public basic services

INDONESIA



The EU supported the DDR process in Indonesia's Aceh province:

- deploying the EU Aceh Monitoring Mission
- undertaking the decommissioning of Free Aceh Movement (GAM) armaments and the relocation of their military and police forces
- monitoring the human rights situation, the process of legislative change, and the reintegration of GAM members

CÔTE D'IVOIRE



The EU contributed to the DDR process in Côte d'Ivoire:

- complementing the government's disarmament and demobilisation efforts by focusing on reintegration efforts
- providing support to the State Building Contract, with a special focus on justice sector reform, national reconciliation and conflict prevention
- supporting civil society organisations and local authorities