

# **EU Peacebuilding Initiative**

## ***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 and strategic cooperation.

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.

### LIST OF ONGOING PROJECTS

#### Call for Proposals 2016 (151-271)

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/ End date	Total budget/ EU contribution (EUR)	Summary
Israeli-Palestinian cross-border business cooperation in the northern West Bank	Economic Cooperation Foundation (IL)		01/01/17 31/12/18	468,729	The project aims to build a model for good neighbourly relations that are based on cross-border socio-economic cooperation and mutual trust, create a cross-border business network, promote understandings on shared issues of concerns and removal of obstacles to private sector development.
Heart of the Matter	Save a Childs Heart (IL)		01/01/17 31/12/18	490,343	The action aims to contribute to peace building between Palestinians and Israelis medical practitioners, by focusing on issues of common concern in the health sector through cooperation and training in the field of paediatric cardiology and occupational therapy. The project provides support to Palestinian children and their families affected by heart disease.

People's Peace Academy	S.H.A.'A.L. – Peace Now for Israel Educational Enterprises (IL)		15/01/17 14/01/19	400,000	The project aims to promote conditions for a negotiated agreement by increasing understanding of the conflict and its resolution, and engaging Israeli youth in conflict resolution efforts. It will tackle misinformation and incitement, and empower young leaders by involving them in peace advocacy.
Incorporating the "Unconvinced" into the Peace Process	Mosaica - Religion, Society and State (IL)	Citizens Accord Forum (IL)	01/04/2017 30/09/2019	458,590	The action aims to make tangible progress in increasing the Israeli public's belief in the feasibility of a peace agreement working with populations of Israeli society which have not taken part in trust-building activities. The aim is to challenge the scepticism of reaching a possible peace agreement through better understanding of the issues.
Narratives in Action: Building Engaged Communities through the Power of Reconciliation (NIA)	Parents Circle Familles Forum (IL)	Generations for Peace (PS)	01/01/2017 31/12/2019		The overall objective is to drive a bottom-up reconciliation process between Israelis and Palestinians as a necessary catalyst and foundation for a sustainable negotiated resolution to the conflict. Through the PCFF's unique Parallel Narrative Experience, Israelis and Palestinians will engage in dialogue, increase knowledge, empathy and understanding towards the other side.
Building a Common Vision on the Future of Jerusalem: Bottom Up Engagement on the Future of the City	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (IL)	IPCRI – Israel Palestine Center for Information and Research (IL)	01/03/2017 29/02/2020	299,970	The action aims to increase engagement and efficacy of local residents of Jerusalem in shaping the future of their city, enhancing local grassroots and civil society influence on the final status of Jerusalem, and identifying effective solutions for coexistence in Jerusalem.
Media for Change: Leveraging Media Initiatives to Promote Participatory Engagement in the	MA'AN Network Association (PS)		01/01/2017 31/12/2019	559,200 427,200	The project aims to enhance Palestinian civil engagement in the peace process through media-driven changes to social perceptions. It will include the production of a research based television drama series that promotes the messages of conflict

Peace Process					resolution, peace, and non-violence to Ma'an Network's 3.39 million Palestinian viewers. It will also advocate for political action for conflict resolution via a broad and impactful media campaign.
Advocating for a Sustainable and Viable Resolution of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (ARIJ, PS)	Land Research center (LRC, IL)	01/01/2017 31/12/2019	593,415 474,732	The action monitors Israeli activities in Palestine and their social, economic and environmental impact. It continues to provide updates on key indicators related to Israeli activities, including expansion in existing Israeli settlements, outposts, the separation barrier, and the physical changes they induce on the Palestinian landscape. In addition, it will highlight the adverse impacts of the conflict, and contrast with the socioeconomic benefits to Israelis and Palestinians of a peaceful and just solution of the conflict.
Building Strategic Capacity: Empowering Civil, Political and Emerging Constituencies in Palestine and Israel	Oxford Research Group (UK)	MADAR (PS), Ilam (IL) and Palthink (Gaza)	01/03/2017 28/02/2020	641,474 488,098	The project promotes Palestinian-Palestinian and Palestinian-Israeli strategic dialogue through the work of its three autonomous and interlinked groups: the Palestine Strategy Group (PSG), the Palestinian Citizens of Israel Group (PCIG) and the Israeli Strategic Forum (ISF). It aims at impacting decision-making processes by providing knowledge-based strategy-oriented outputs (policy papers and strategy documents) and stimulating a wider debate among young intellectual on all sides of the divide.
Building Peace Among Young Israelis and Arabs through Joint Learning & Advocacy	YaLa Palestine (PS)		01/02/2017 30/10/2020	480,765 375,765	Through a joint learning process, the project aims at enhancing the skills of a group of Palestinian, Israeli and MENA young leaders in peacebuilding, citizen advocacy and social media campaigns that counter barriers to peace and promote the values of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

Cross-Border Agricultural Partnerships: Reconciliation through Agricultural Cooperation and Development in Israel and the West Bank	THE NEAR EAST FOUNDATION UK LIMITED (UK)	Palestinian Center for Agriculture Research and Development	01/02/2017 31/01/2019	566,322 452,718	This project aims to reduce fear and mistrust between Palestinian and Israeli farmers, industry leaders and government officials. It aims to improve conditions for Palestinian and Israeli cross-border cooperation and confidence building in agribusiness development. It also aims to improve joint grassroots work in development of the olive, date, and vegetable value chains.
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### 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 (UK)	St John Eye Hospital Jerusalem (PS)  Hadassah Medical Organization (IL)	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.

### Call for Proposals 2014 (135-256)

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/End date	Total amount/EU contribution EUR	Summary
Solutions for Electronic Waste Disposal Affecting Palestinians and Israelis.	Green Land Society (PS)	AJEEC-NISPED Association (PS)	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.
Ultra-Orthodox and Arabs Work Together to Build a Shared Society through Social Action	The Citizens Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel (IL)		01/01/2015 30/06/2017	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.

Civil society cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli professionals in the field of disabilities as a means of promoting peace building.	Hope Flowers Society (PS)	Beit Issie Shapiro (IL)	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 (DN)	Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PS)	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 (AU)	Women's Affairs Technical Committee (PS)	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 (PS)  The General Union of Palestinian Women (PS)	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.



### 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.
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 30/06/2017	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.