



# Brussels VI: Supporting the future of Syria and the region

## Invitation to joint CVE briefing

Dear all,

On behalf of IMPACT and COAR, we would like to cordially invite you to our side event as part of the Brussels VI Conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region. On **May 5th**, a panel of experts will present a joint briefing on the ongoing presence of violent extremism in Northeast Syria (NES).

Since the official fall of the caliphate in 2018, attacks by ISIS members have continued, with the root causes of violent extremism in NES left unaddressed. In January of this year, the attempted mass prison breakout by the group provided further evidence of a resurgent, growing ISIS. At the same time, the de facto government in the region is grappling with tens of thousands of families of former fighters in Al-Hol and similar camps. As these residents are being reintegrated into society, there is an acute risk of violent extremism spreading further, unless adequate prevention measures are taken. Moreover, women make up the majority of Al-Hol residents, necessitating a P/CVE approach different from traditional gender blind models.

In this briefing, our analysts will discuss the extensive research they have undertaken in the region, with a particular focus on Al-Hol. The experts will outline why a locally-driven approach is imperative to manage this crisis, and provide recommendations on addressing the gender specific challenges of this issue.

Please register for this **in person** briefing here: <https://bit.ly/389NuKW>

This is a side event to the Brussels VI Conference on the future of Syria and the region. *Views, thoughts, and opinions expressed during the side events reflect solely those of the speakers and do not constitute endorsement by the EU or the UN.*

May 5, 2022  
09:00-11:00 CET

France Room - Thon  
Hotel EU  
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