

EU Conference on Youth, Peace and Security

Brussels, 23-24 May 2018



PROMOTING YOUTH IN PEACEBUILDING

implementing UNSCR 2250

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Wednesday, 23 May

European Parliament

– open to all participants –

12:00 – 13:00

Registration

European Parliament Accreditation Centre (right-hand side of the Simone Veil Agora entrance to the Altiero Spinelli building)

13:00 – 14:00

Buffet lunch reception

Members' Restaurant, Altiero Spinelli building

14:00 – 15:00

Opening Session

Room 5G-3, Altiero Spinelli building

Keynote Address by Mr. Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

Chair

Ms. Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Speakers

Ms. Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

Ms. Ivana Tufegdžić, fYROM, EP Young Political Leaders

Mr. Dereje Wordofa, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director

Ms. Nour Kaabi, Tunisia, NET-MED Youth – UNESCO

Mr. Oyewole Simon Oginni, Nigeria, Former AU-EU Youth Fellow

15:00 – 16:30

Parallel Thematic Panel Discussions

Panel I

Youth inclusion for conflict prevention and sustaining peace

Library reading room, Altiero Spinelli building

Discussants

Ms. Soraya Post, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service

Mr. Amnon Morag, Israel, EP Young Political Leaders

Ms. Hela Slim, France, Former AU-EU Youth Fellow

Mr. MacDonald K. Munyoro, Zimbabwe, EP Young Political Leaders

Facilitator

Ms. Gizem Kilinc, United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Panel II

Young people innovating for peace

Library room 128, Altiero Spinelli building

Discussants

Ms. Barbara Pesce-Monteiro, Director, UN/UNDP Representation Office in Brussels

Ms. Anna-Katharina Deininger, OSCE CiO Special Representative and OSG Focal Point on Youth and Security

Ms. Nana Fassouma Lawali, Niger, La voix des jeunes du Sahel

Mr. Levan Kutashvili, Georgia, Eastern Partnership Young European Ambassadors

Ms. Lamyia Marafi, Egypt, ikteshaaf, Search For Common Ground

Facilitator

Ms. Mari Stromsvag, European Youth Forum

Panel III

Empowering young people to prevent/counter violent extremism

Room 5G-3, Altiero Spinelli building

Discussants

Mr. Eugen Freund, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Magnus Magnusson, UNESCO, Director for Partnerships and Outreach Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Ms. Sara Alhouni, Libya, Young Mediterranean Voices Plus – ALF

Mr. Ayed Ahmad, Palestine, EP Young Political Leaders
Mr. Bjørn Ihler, Norway, Extremely Together Network
Ms. Nana Toure, Mali, Africa-EU Youth Summit participant
Mr. Elyes Guermazi, Tunisia NET-MED Youth – UNESCO

Facilitator

Panel IV

Protecting the human rights of youth

Room 3E-3, Altiero Spinelli building

Discussants

Mr. Dereje Wordofa, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director
Mr. Clive Rumbold, Deputy Head of Division for the Western Balkans, European External Action Service
Mr. Rui Gomes, Head of Division for Education and Training, Council of Europe
Ms. Arlett Faifer, Romania, World Vision, European regional consultation on YPS
Mr. Roger Djeraro Diondande, Chad, La voix des jeunes du Sahel
Ms. Majd Beltaji, Palestine, NET-MED Youth – UNESCO

Facilitator

Ms. Matilda Flemming, Search For Common Ground

16:30 – 17:30

Interactive dialogue

Room 5G-3, Altiero Spinelli building

Interactive dialogue with Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights and youth participants

Ms. Anita Mitic, Serbia, One Young World Peace Ambassadors
Mr. Hervé Somda, Burkina Faso, La voix des jeunes du Sahel
Ms. Neli Kirilova, Bulgaria, European regional consultation on YPS
Ms. Haya Bako, Jordan, Young Mediterranean Voices Plus – ALF

Facilitator

Ms. Mercedes Garcia-Perez, Head of Division for Human Rights, European External Action Service

17:30 – 18:00

Concluding remarks

Room 5G-3, Altiero Spinelli building

Speakers

Ms. Elisabeth Guigou, President, Anna Lindh Foundation

Mr. Dilshan Annaraj, Sri Lanka, World Vision, Associate Director,
Peacebuilding Programming

Mr. Magnus Magnusson, UNESCO, Director for Partnerships and
Outreach Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Mr. Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Vice-President of the European
Parliament

Thursday, 24 May

European External Action Service

– open to youth participants only –

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

*European External Action Service, main entrance (9A, Rond Point
Schuman)*

09:00 – 10:00

Closing Session

Ms. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign
Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission and
youth participants

Concept Note

Introduction

Under the direction of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission (HR/VP), the EU has been stepping up work on the implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, as set out in UN Security Council Resolution 2250 (UNSCR 2250).

In September 2017, the EU hosted, together with the UN and civil society partners, a European regional consultation on Youth, Peace and Security in support of the global Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security mandated by the UN Security Council. In the course of 2017, the EU integrated Youth, Peace and Security into key inter-regional and inter-generational engagements, notably the overarching youth dimension of the 5th AU-EU Summit and the Young Mediterranean Voices Plus initiative.

In the UN context, the UN Security Council Open Debate on Youth, Peace and the UNGA High-level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in April 2018 have re-focused global attention on the Youth, Peace and Security agenda and provided impetus for a forward-looking operational strategy for the international community for its implementation.

Against this background, the EU will convene an innovative and inclusive Conference on Youth, Peace and Security in Brussels on 23-24 May 2018, in partnership with the UN and civil society. The EU Conference on Youth, Peace and Security will bring together young peacebuilders from and working with the EU, representatives from EU Institutions, EU Member States, UN entities and other multilateral and non-governmental partners. A level playing field for interactive dialogue will be created to address key external and internal aspects of Youth, Peace and Security from a European perspective.

The EU Conference on Youth, Peace and Security will represent a milestone of the EU's engagement in the agenda, and promote EU-UN cooperation on youth in peacebuilding.

Goals and objectives

The overarching goals of the EU Conference on Youth, Peace and Security are to further reinforce momentum in the EU implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, foster EU policy on Youth, Peace and Security, promote EU-UN cooperation on youth in peacebuilding, while enhancing the visibility of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

The specific objectives of the conference are to (1) provide an innovative platform for EU-level policy dialogue on Youth, Peace and Security through engaging youth from and working with the EU and all other stakeholders in a level playing field (2) lay the foundations of an EU community of practice on Youth, Peace and Security, including EU actors from internal and external policy areas (3) give more concrete definition to further accelerating the EU implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda (4) raise the awareness of political and public audiences, within and outside the EU, about the Youth, Peace and Security agenda (5) create further impetus for EU-UN cooperation on youth in peacebuilding.

Expected outcomes

The European External Action Service (EEAS) will prepare a Chair's summary report, in consultation with all participants, including conclusions and recommendations for stakeholders on further implementing the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

Decision makers participating in the Conference may consider issuing public statements, jointly or individually, on the further implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

Background

The Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy calls for deepening work on education, culture and youth to foster pluralism, coexistence and respect as a way to nurture societal resilience.

The Council Conclusions on the Integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crises underline the key role of youth in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

The European Consensus on Development provides that young people are agents of development and change and, as such, are essential contributors to the 2030 Agenda, including through their ability to innovate. The Consensus also asserts that the EU and its Member States will aim to strengthen the rights of young people and their empowerment in the conduct of public affairs by promoting their participation in local economies, societies and decision-making through youth organisations.

The EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2015-2019 calls for peacebuilding initiatives targeting in particular children and youth.

The EU Strategy for Youth 2010-2018 defines the overarching goal of improving access and full participation of young people in society, through increasing youth participation in representative democracy and by supporting youth organisations and encouraging participation of non-organised groups of young people.

The ground-breaking UNSCR 2250 is fully dedicated to the important and positive contributions of youth in efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and affirms the important role youth can play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts.

Structure, format, themes

The Conference will take place in Brussels. On 23 May, the programme will be held in the European Parliament, and it will be open to all participants. The closing session on 24 May will be held in the EEAS, and it will be open to youth participants only.

On 23 May, the programme will start with a buffet lunch offered to participants at the meeting venue.

The Conference will begin with an opening session to set the scene.

The Conference will then break down into four parallel interactive thematic panel discussions along the following themes.

- **Panel I – Youth inclusion for conflict prevention and sustaining peace**

Preventing conflict and addressing its root causes are at the heart of sustaining peace. UNSCR 2250 reaffirms this approach, and promotes the vital role youth can play in conflict prevention and resolution, as a key aspect of inclusive, sustainable and successful peacebuilding.

This panel will focus on how the meaningful inclusion of young people, among them young women and marginalised youth, contributes to conflict prevention and sustaining peace. How to ensure meaningful youth inclusion in peace efforts? Which approaches and actions towards implementing UNSCR 2250 have worked best?

- **Panel II – Young people innovating for peace**

Peacebuilding is not just about the politics. All over the world, young people engage and mobilise their communities and peers in creative and resourceful ways to promote social cohesion and tolerance. The biggest ever global youth population of 1.8 billion represents a vast potential to innovate for change and development, to realise the 2030 Agenda and other global blueprints.

This panel will look at unconventional and informal peacebuilding approaches and explore how young people harness the power of technology, media, sports and the arts to build peaceful and inclusive societies. What can policy makers learn from the innovations of young people? How can governments and multilateral organisations best connect with, support and scale up youth innovation for peace?

- **Panel III – Empowering young people to prevent/counter violent extremism**

The overwhelming majority of young people are peaceful. Simplistic approaches overexpose "youth at risk", stereotyping young men as "potential perpetrators" and young women as "potential victims", while neglecting the peaceful majority.

This panel will exhibit groundbreaking youth-led initiatives to prevent/counter violent extremism and how these should inspire future approaches. How can we invest into young people's violence prevention initiatives? How can we reinforce the resilience of youth already exposed to violence, exclusion and marginalisation?

- **Panel IV – Protecting the human rights of youth**

Protection is one of the five pillars of UNSCR 2250, and research shows that youth feel disproportionately affected by repressive governments, organised crime and gender-based violence.

Against the background of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this panel will explore the specific vulnerabilities of children and young people in conflict-affected situations. How do these affect the work of young peacebuilders? How can effective protection mechanisms be put in place to address the unique peace and security needs of children, young women and men? How can we support and protect youth human rights defenders?

As regards the thematic panel discussions, participants will be invited to choose their preferred thematic panel before the event, when they register. As far as possible, preferences expressed by participants will be taken into account, and a list of participants for each thematic panel discussion will be distributed.

The programme on 23 May will include an interactive dialogue with Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights and youth participants, and it will end with concluding remarks.

On 24 May, a closing session with the HR/VP and youth participants will take place.

The conference language will be English, with full interpretation to and from French in the plenary sessions and partial interpretation in the thematic panel discussions.

Participants

Youth participants will be individuals already involved in or associated with existing EU youth networks, created and/or supported by the EEAS, the European Commission and the European Parliament, including networks implemented by partners. Gender balance, geographical balance and overall diversity will be ensured.

Decision makers, policy experts and practitioners will be invited from the EU institutions, EU Member States, the UN system and other multilateral partner organisations, civil society and other stakeholders.

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CV of speakers

Opening Session

Mr. Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament



Campaigning on a platform that promised to have the presidency focus on actively supporting the work of Members while bringing the institution closer to EU citizens, Mr Tajani was elected President of the European Parliament on 17 January 2017. Mr Tajani has always been driven by an unwavering belief that the European Union must derive its strength from the results it delivers to its citizens. Nevertheless, he also understands that the EU is going through a sensitive chapter in its history. As a matter of fact, it is only by working twice as hard to respond to the concerns of citizens that the European Parliament will win back the general public's trust. He looks forward to the challenge, working for all Europeans over the next two and a half years. Mr. Tajani was the European Commissioner for Transport in 2008-2009, the European Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship in 2010-2014 and in 2014 he was re-elected to the European Parliament and as one of its vice-presidents.

Ms. Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Ms. Hautala is well-known in Europe as an efficient, versatile and expert player in Green politics. She is focused on human rights, transparency, global justice and environmentally responsible legislation. Heidi has been elected to the European parliament for a third time in the 2014-2019 term. In 2017 she was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament. She was formerly an MEP from 1995-2003 and 2009-2011. In Finland she was the minister for international development from June 2011 to October 2013. She was responsible for development cooperation in the ministry for foreign affairs and for state ownership steering in the prime minister's office. She sat as a member of the Finnish parliament from 1991-1995 and 2003-2009, and chaired its legal affairs committee from 2007-2009.



Ms. Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society



Bulgarian-born Mariya Gabriel is the current European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society. Her responsibilities include launching ambitious proposals for the completion of a connected Digital Single Market, supporting the development of creative industries and of a successful European media and content industry, as well as other activities turning digital research into innovation success stories. Mariya Gabriel was a Member of the European Parliament, EPP/GERB (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria) from 2009-2017, and also Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament from 2014-2017.

Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

With more than 30 years of experience in the United Nations System, Mr. Fernandez-Taranco worked both at Headquarters and in the field, managing development, political, peacebuilding, human rights and humanitarian operations in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific and Europe. Prior to his appointment, he was Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs in the Department of Political Affairs since July 2009. He also served as United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in the United Republic of Tanzania. From 1994 to 1998, he served as Deputy Special Representative of the Administrator in the West Bank and Gaza Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People. He was also the Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director in the Regional Bureau for Arab States, UNDP, from 2001 to 2006, and Resident Representative, United Nations Resident Coordinator and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Haiti from 1998 to 2001.



Ms. Ivana Tufegdžic, FYROM, EP Young Political Leaders



Ivana Tufegdžic is an advocate of the youth civil society in Republic of Macedonia and one of the founders of the biggest student movement in the history of the country "Student Plenum" and has been an activist in the struggle of establishing a country and a society ruled by the Law, which will subsequently contribute to credible democratic and responsible institutions that meet the standards of the EU. She has been a Member of the Parliament since 2016, elected as the youngest MP. As an MP, Ivana Tufegdžic is coordinator of the Youth Caucus, Vice President of the National Council for EU Integration, member of the Committees for Foreign Policy and Committee for Appointments, deputy member in the Committees for European Affairs and Education and Science. She has been a very active MP in the policies for Youth and Education.

Mr. Dereje Wordofa, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director

Mr. Wordofa is the UNFPA Deputy Executive Director. In his current role he is focusing on gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls around the world. Mr. Wordofa has over 28 years of successful experience in providing strategic leadership, advocacy, programme development and managing operations in complex and challenging environments, largely focused on Africa. He worked for prominent international non-profit-organizations as SOS Children's Village International, where he led the management of social development, humanitarian and advocacy programmes with a focus on children and youth, the American Friends Service Committee, Oxfam and Save the Children.



Ms. Nour Kaabi, Tunisia, NET-MED Youth – UNESCO



Nour Kaabi is the executive director of Jamaity. She has joined Jamaity back to 2014 and had the chance to observe and daily interact with the Tunisian Civil Society. Along with Jamaity, Nour is a consultant and trainer for several international organizations such as International IDEA, United States Institute of Peace and the European Committee for Training and Agriculture. Back in 2013, Nour co-founded Expolugha, a project implemented in partnership with EUNIC-European Union National Institutes for Culture. Nour is a graduate of the High Institution of Commercial Studies in Carthage, where she earned a Master's Degree in Management and Strategy.

Mr. Oyewole Simon Oginni, Nigeria, Former AU-EU Youth Fellow

Mr. Oyewole has 6 years of field experience in peace-building and conflict prevention strategies and has voluntarily trained over 95 youths from 23 African countries on conflict prevention strategies. As a research fellow and the Executive Director (Africa) of the Organisation for World Peace, he has been working on the UN Resolution 2250, post-conflict transition, mobility and migration. He served at the Centre Panafrican Initiatives pour le Sahel as an expert on P/CVE in West Africa and previously worked as a consultant on peace, security and development at Kalube Consult (Kampala), Junior researcher at the West Africa Institute (Praia Cabo Verde) and a fellow at the Common Ground Centre (Nairobi). He has participated in a number of projects within and outside Africa, including as a Peace and Security Fellow at the AU-EU Plug-in Initiative. He also has served in the capacity of an international election observer in some African countries and presented at the UN on "Implementing the Prevention Pillar of the UNSC Resolution 2250 (2015) Youth, Peace and Security: Youth Talent as a Tool for Peace".



Panel I - Youth inclusion for conflict prevention and sustaining peace

Ms. Soraya Post, Member of the European Parliament



Ms. Soraya Post In the election on 25 May 2014, Soraya Post became the European Union Parliament's first-elected member of the Swedish Feminist Initiative as well as the first Romani woman in Swedish history to be chosen as a candidate for a political party. She has joined the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament and she is member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and the

Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) as well as a substitute member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) and the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America (DCAM). Post has previously worked at the Västra Götaland County Human Rights Committee, as a human rights strategist. In 2007, she also initiated and founded Agnesbergs Folkhögskola (Folk High School) in Gothenburg.

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Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service



Mr. Christian Leffler is the Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Global Issues at the EEAS. His previous positions included Managing Director for Americas at the EEAS, Deputy Director-General for the Directorate-General International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and Head of Cabinet of Commission Vice President Margot Wallström. Prior to his EU experience, he worked for the Swedish Foreign Service in Cairo and Paris and then for the Political Affairs Department of the Ministry in Stockholm.

Mr. Amnon Morag, Israel, EP Young Political Leaders

Mr. Morag is a young Israeli peace activist. He is a member of the 'Israeli Regional Initiative', an NGO promoting a regional agreement between Israel, the Palestinians, and the Arab states, in which he managed international activities and participated in regional track-2 dialogue. Amnon is a graduate student of law, economics, history, and philosophy in Tel-Aviv University's program for outstanding students, a World Economic Forum 'Global Shaper' and an EP 'Young Political Leaders' alumnus.



Ms. Hela Slim, France, Former AU-EU Youth Fellow



Ms. Hela Slim is French-Tunisian, her background is essentially related to European and African affairs. She has joined recently the European People's Party as the Assistant to the Campaign Director Dara Murphy. In 2017, Hela has been involved in the African Union-European Union Youth Plug-In Initiative as a Peace and Security Fellow and contributed to drafting the Youth Agenda, presented at the last AU-EU summit. Beforehand, she was working in the think tank Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies. Before coming to Brussels, Hela was a coordinator for governmental communication projects in Africa. She was sent on missions in Uganda, Madagascar and Mali where she had the opportunity to meet ministers, high-ranking officials and business leaders to work on the promotion of initiatives and reforms that encourage sustainable development.

Mr. MacDonald K. Munyoro, Zimbabwe, EP Young Political Leaders

Mr. MacDonald K. Munyoro is an ardent youth development worker with over 8 years of experience in youth programming; peacebuilding; facilitation of participatory community processes and research; enabling environment and peacebuilding. Passionate about youth development, he is part of local, regional and global CSO platforms giving voice to issues faced by youth and was recently selected to be among the Country Focal Points for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation's third round monitoring exercise. Moreover, he is part of the continental youth leaders working with the African Union (AU) on the Transitional Justice Policy Framework; he is successfully leading policy advocacy by mobilizing youth in Zimbabwe to influence the crafting of the National Peace and Reconciliation (NPRC) Bill; popularizing the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250; leading various dialogue processes that have seen healing and reconciliation among youth (both victims and perpetrators); and creating safe hubs for youth to inter-change on peace and development issues.



Ms. Gizem Kilinc, United Network of Young Peacebuilders



Ms. Gizem Kiliç is the Leading Coordinator of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders). She is in charge of UNOY Peacebuilders' advocacy work, bringing the local voices of young peacebuilders to international policy process and advocating for increased youth participation in peacebuilding. Ms. Kilinc is a Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding and was a co-organiser of the European Consultation on Youth, Peace and Security. She has previously worked for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) with a focus on strengthening collaboration between regional organisations and civil society to prevent violent conflict.

Panel II - Young people innovating for peace

Ms. Barbara Pesce-Monteiro, Director, UN/UNDP Representation Office in Brussels

Prior to her appointment as Director of the UN/UNDP Office in Brussels on 1 October 2014, Ms. Pesce-Monteiro served as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Cuba (2010-2014). She carried out her duties during the country's challenging economic and social transformation process, and coordinated the response of the international community to Hurricane Sandy. In her previous capacities, Ms. Pesce-Monteiro served as Country Director with UNDP Colombia (2007-2010), supporting the consolidation of the peace process after 40 years of armed conflict. As Senior Deputy Resident Representative with UNDP Guatemala (2002-2006), she supported the implementation of the country's peace agreements. Previously, Ms Pesce-Monteiro served as Deputy Resident Representative with UNDP Nicaragua (1999-2002), as Programme Specialist with UNCDF for the Sahel post-crisis (1996-1999), as Assistant Resident Representative with UNDP Angola (1992-1996), and as Programme Officer with UNDP Mexico (1990-1992).



Ms. Anna-Katharina Deininger, OSCE CiO Special Representative and OSG Focal Point on Youth and Security



Ms. Deininger was appointed as the OSCE's first ever Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security by Serbia in 2015, and has been reappointed consecutively by Germany in 2016, by Austria in 2017, as well as by Italy in 2018. Together with her colleagues she represents a youth voice within the OSCE and advises the Chairperson-in-Office on youth policy issues. She advocates for meaningful youth participation, for youth mainstreaming and for the implementation of UNSC Resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, Peace and Security. As Focal Point on Youth and Security in the Office of the OSCE Secretary General, Ms

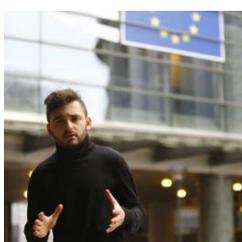
Deininger implements a project on Strengthening OSCE Efforts on Youth and Security, which intends to lay the foundation and propose a youth mainstreaming strategy for the OSCE Secretariat, as well as a unified and coherent approach in working for youth with youth. In the field of youth participation, she gained extensive experience through engagement at multiple levels, e.g. as OSCE Youth Ambassador under the Swiss Chairmanship programme "Youth for Security and Cooperation in Europe", and as board member of the United Nations Youth Associations Network. Previously, she worked as stagiaire in the European External Action Service's Electoral Observation and Democracy Division, as adviser at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York, and as consultant to the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy.

Ms. Nana Fassouma Lawali, Niger, La voix des jeunes du Sahel

Mme. Nana Fassouma vit à Niamey et est titulaire d'un Master en gestion. Elle occupe actuellement un poste de Responsable commerciale dans une compagnie aérienne. Elle s'investit depuis plusieurs années dans des initiatives portées par des jeunes du Niger et du Sahel. Elle a un intérêt particulier pour les questions liées à l'éducation des jeunes filles.



Mr. Levan Kutashvili, Georgia, Eastern Partnership Young European Ambassadors



Mr. Kutashvili was born in Akhlagori, but since the war between Russia and Georgia in 2008 he has been living in Tserovani (an IDP settlement). Since moving to Tserovani he has been involved in numerous trainings (law-related, project writing, social media, debating and management training) and learning programmes in order to receive non-formal education. Besides that, Mr.

Kutashvili has his own blog, for which has twice won blog competitions and been nominated as a 'citizen journalist'. Following an educational visit for the School of Debates in Poland, Mr. Kutashvili was motivated to found a club at his own school, where he used to be project organiser. Currently, he is a student at the University of Georgia, and last year was an Erasmus Mundus (EFFORT).

Ms. Lamya Marafi, Egypt, ikteshaaf, Search For Common Ground

Ms. Marafi believes in the value of civic education and is passionate about community building. She envisions that authentic change in communities will occur when citizens focus on creating possibilities. Lamya has been working in civic education for years and is the founder and CEO of ikteshaaf, a knowledge driven space for young civic leaders in Egypt with a vision to transform youth in the MENA region to become civic leaders in their local communities. Lamya graduated with a bachelor's degree in Middle East Studies from the American University in Cairo, and obtained her master's degree in Conflict, Security, and Development from King's College London.



Ms. Mari Stromsvag, European Youth Forum



Ms. Mari Stromsvag is a board member for the European Youth Forum (YFJ), a platform of 104 youth organisations in Europe. Some of her responsibilities is to work on youth participation at local, regional and global level, and ensure youth organisations have the tools and means to empower, encourage, involve, represent, reach out and support young people. UN Security Council Resolution 2250, Youth peace and Security is also a focus of Mari, and she has been following the discussions in Europe and at the UN level, to ensure that young people get a voice. She was also present at the 2250 Consultations in Brussels in September.

Panel III - Empowering young people to prevent/counter violent extremism

Mr. Eugen Freund, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Freund was a familiar face on Austrian TV for 25 years. After serving as a press officer at the Austrian Mission to the United Nations in New York (1979-1984) he returned to Vienna to become an anchorman for the late-night evening news of Austrian TV (ORF). In 1995, Mr. Freund moved to Washington, D.C., to begin his assignment as US-correspondent for ORF. He became bureau chief in 1998, a position which he held until the summer of 2001. Beginning of 2014 he decided to get actively involved in politics. After almost 40 years of journalism, he wanted to change the perspective – from commenting on issues into changing things. Eugen Freund became a member of the European Parliament on July 1st, 2014. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) and the sub committee on Defence (SEDE).



Mr Magnus Magnusson, UNESCO, Director for Partnerships and Outreach Sector for Social and Human Sciences



Mr. Magnusson joined UNESCO 1 September 2017 as Director for Partnerships and Outreach in the Human and Social Science Division. Prior to joining UNESCO, Magnus held positions as Vice President for Emerging Markets and Sustainability at Eco Capacity Exchange, Head of Government Relations, Northern Europe at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Head of Business Development and External Relations at the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and Regional Manager at the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) with responsibility for a USD 150 million infrastructure portfolio in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana and Ethiopia. Magnus started his career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with desk responsibility for the World Bank, regional development banks, IFAD and micro finance. Thereafter he joined the Nordic Council of Ministers as Senior Advisor for the finance,

transport and development cooperation sectors. He also acted as secretary to the Board of Governors of the Nordic Investment Bank, Nordic Development Fund and representative in the Board of the Nordic Project Fund. Hereafter Magnus joined the United Nations Environment Programme/GRID Arendal as Head of the Stockholm Office.

Ms. Sara Alhouni, Libya, Young Mediterranean Voices Plus - ALF

Ms. is a Young Mediterranean Voices ambassador from Libya, and a Business Administration student after having studied Architecture for a while. She currently works with the Libyan office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and lives in Tunisia. Following the inaugural meeting with HR/VP Federica Mogherini in March 2017, Sara has represented the Young Mediterranean Plus network in strategic meetings such as the EU's strategic communications Task-Force meeting in Tunisia (May 2017). She is very passionate about debating and defending the principles of freedom of speech and gender equality. She co-founded the Libyan Debate Club and is an active member of the "Forum des Jeunes Juristes" debate club in Tunis, promoting debating to strengthening democratic processes and engaging young people in political activities. Sara actively collaborates with Libyan and Tunisian civil society organisations in order to assist in building a societal basis for democracy, furthering social justice, and promoting civil rights and freedoms.



Mr. Ayed Ahmad, Palestine, EP Young Political Leaders



Mr. Ahmad has been the Program Director at the Palestinian Peace Coalition – Geneva Initiative since 2011. In this position, Ayed is responsible for organising a wide range of events that aim particularly to enhance moderate voices in the Palestinian society, and to educate the Palestinian youth on the substantive fruits of peace and reconciliation to conclude the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. As a research fellow at King's College London, Ayed has studied the attitudes of young Palestinians towards their leadership, political participation and current social changes. Ayed's research highlights the various cultural and political reasons that have resulted in Palestinian youth becoming less willing to engage in politics and decision-making processes. As a participant of the European Parliament's Young Political Leader Program, Ayed has been a real change-maker.

Mr. Bjørn Ihler, Norway, Extremely Together Network

Mr. Bjørn Ihler is an international counter extremism expert and activist working as a filmmaker, editor and writer to develop spaces for dialogue and peace-building between people and communities who are radically different. Since 2016 Ihler has also been part of the Kofi Annan Foundation initiative Extremely Together and exploring means of countering violent extremism as one of ten young leaders in the field from across the world. In 2016 Ihler co-founded the Khalifa Ihler institute which works for peace through knowledge, technology and design. Ihler is building his work on a foundation in communication, technology, data and computational sociology as well as his academic background in peace and conflict studies.



Ms. Nana Toure, Mali, Africa-EU Youth Summit participant



Mme. Nana Alassane Toure est sociologue de formation et spécialiste en Politiques et Pratiques de Développement. Elle est chercheuse et auteure des textes sur des problématiques de Gouvernance, d'Extrémisme Violent, Paix et Sécurité...Elle est également, Formatrice de formateurs sur les Droits Humains et Militante dans des organisations de Jeunesse au Mali et en Afrique.

Mr. Elyes Guerhazi, Tunisia NET-MED Youth – UNESCO

Mr. Elyes Guerhazi is a young Tunisian entrepreneur and project coordinator at Oxfam Tunisia with experience in projects, events and conferences management. Elyes spent the last few years working for/with civil society organizations to inspire people in Tunisia. He has delivered trainings and workshops on conflict prevention and the promotion of intercultural dialogue in Tunisia as well as in Jordan, Serbia, Poland, United State and many more. His main areas of expertise include leadership development, strategic planning, personal development and debate skills development. Elyes's life motto is "Inspire to act".



Panel IV - Protecting the human rights of youth

Mr. Dereje Wordofa, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director



Mr. Wordofa is the UNFPA Deputy Executive Director. In his current role he is focusing on gender equality and the empowerment of women and adolescent girls around the world. Mr. Wordofa has over 28 years of successful experience in providing strategic leadership, advocacy, programme development and managing operations in complex and challenging environments, largely focused on Africa. He worked for prominent international non-profit-organizations as SOS Children's Village International, where he led the management of social development, humanitarian and advocacy programmes with a focus on children and youth, the American Friends Service Committee, Oxfam and Save the Children.

Mr. Rui Gomes, Head of Division for Education and Training, Council of Europe

Mr. Rui Gomes leads the programme of education and training activities of the Youth Departments of the Council of Europe, including those held at the European Youth Centres of Budapest and Strasbourg. His current responsibilities include the coordination of the work on Social Inclusion and Peace-building with activities in the areas of peace-building, social inclusion of refugees and Euro-Arab cooperation. He has authored and co-authored various publications such as *Compass* – the manual for human rights education with young people and *Mosaic*, a training kit on Euro-Mediterranean youth work.



Mr. Clive Rumbold, Deputy Head of Division for the Western Balkans, European External Action Service



Clive Rumbold is Deputy Head of Division for the Western Balkans in the EEAS. He has held this position since September 2015. Before joining the Western Balkans Division, from 2011 to 2015 he served in the EU Delegation to Albania, as head of the political section and subsequently chargé d'affaires. In 2007 he was posted as chargé d'affaires to then recently independent Montenegro to set up the Delegation and head its political section. From 2003 to 2007 he served on the Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania desks at European Commission headquarters in Brussels. From 1999 to 2002 he headed the section for economic and social cohesion projects at the EC Delegation in Budapest. From 1995 to 1999 he worked on justice, freedom and security issues in the pre-accession processes of Baltic and central and eastern European countries.

Ms. Arlett Faifer, Romania, World Vision, European regional consultation on YPS



Arlett is a committed advocate for the rights of the most vulnerable children in her community. She is currently the president of the national Children Consultative Council of Romania, through which she organises various activities related to children's rights & participation, ending violence against children and raising awareness and prepare civil society to create a safe environment for children's refugees, such as information sessions on violence in schools and round tables with local and county stakeholders. Through World Vision she has been involved in two child-led reports, both as coordinator and reporter on the topics of "The Role Of Children In Preventing Violence In Romania" and "Violence In The Media And Its Impact On Children And Young People". As the youngest participant, Arlett has also represented the voice of children in the European Regional Consultation for Youth, Peace and Security in September 2017 in Brussels.

Mr. Roger Djeraro Diondande, Chad, La voix des jeunes du Sahel

M. Roger Djeraro Diondande, 26 ans, est membre de plusieurs associations de jeunesse aux niveaux national et régional. Secrétaire chargé des Droits, de la bonne gouvernance et de l'autonomisation de la Jeunesse au sein du Bureau régional du Réseau africain des jeunes et



adolescents en population et développement (AFRIYAN) basé à Dakar et Secrétaire chargé de la gestion des projets du Collectif des associations et mouvements des jeunes du Tchad. Il est diplômé de l'ENA et occupe actuellement un poste d'enseignant dans un lycée.

Ms. Majd Beltaji, Palestine, NET-MED Youth – UNESCO



Ms. Majd Beltaji is the Gender Equality Programme Specialist at the UNESCO Ramallah offices. She is also the Youth focal point and the coordinator of the EU-funded NET-MED youth project in the West Bank. She holds a master degree in International Cooperation and Development and a bachelor degree in political Science and Media. Majd has 10 years of working exercise with the United Nations organization (UNDP, UN Women and UNESCO).

Ms. Matilda Flemming, Search For Common Ground

Ms. Matilda Flemming leads Search for Common Ground's European Affairs team, where she ensures strong relationships between Search and the European Union, European Governments, NGOs, and other partners. She is a member of the UN Advisory Group of Experts for the Progress Study on Youth. Before joining Search, Matilda worked for the European Women's Lobby – the largest umbrella organization of women's association in Europe – on their campaigns to strengthen the role of women in decision-making. Until April 2016, Matilda coordinated the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), a global network of 70 youth peace organizations in 45 countries, where she led the civil society campaign for Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security – inspired by SCR 1325. She was also the co-chair of the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development's Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding and a member of the Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth. Matilda is from Finland and holds a master's in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.



Interactive dialogue

Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights and youth participants



Mr. Lambrinidis is the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights since September 2012. Previously he was the Foreign Affairs Minister of Greece (2011). Between 2004 and 2011, he was elected Member of the European Parliament (MEP) with the Greek Social Democratic Party (PASOK). He served as Vice-President of the European Parliament (2009-11), Vice-President of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) Committee (2004-09), and Head of the PASOK Delegation (2005-11). Between 2000 and 2004, he was Director-General of the International Olympic Truce Centre, an International Olympic Committee organization. He served as Ambassador ad personam of the Hellenic Republic (1999-2004); Secretary-General of the Greek Foreign Ministry, responsible for Expatriate Greeks (1996-99); and chief-of-staff to the Greek Foreign Minister (1996). Between 1988 and 1993 he worked as an Attorney at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., specializing in international trade, transactions, and arbitration.

Ms. Anita Mitic, Serbia, One Young World Peace Ambassadors

Ms. Anita Mitic I was involved with work of Youth Initiative for Human Rights since she was a teenager, and it thought her of how powerful youth voices are, how important is to create a space for young people to deal with important topics regarding violation of human rights or dealing with violent past. During her activist and later professional life, she formed her passions into missions of her work. And those are the following: 1) doing everything in her power to inspire young people to engage in fight for democracy, regardless of where do they life, because that fight never stops; 2) to bring reconciliation and honor victims from the war as part of maintaining peace ; 3) to spread idea of active citizenship in protection of human rights.



Mr. Hervé Somda, Burkina Faso, La voix des jeunes du Sahel



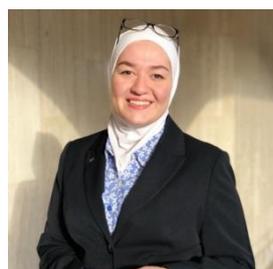
M. Hervé Somda est un jeune doctorant en Economie de la Santé. Il a obtenu le prix du meilleur macro-économiste de l'Université de Ouagadougou en 2013. En novembre 2017, a participé en novembre 2017 à Bamako à l'élaboration du cadre de référence de la Stratégie intégrée Jeunesse du G5 SAHEL. Depuis 2018, il est stagiaire dans un cabinet d'études à Ouagadougou, Associés en Management public et Développement (AMD).

Ms. Neli Kirilova, Bulgaria, European regional consultation on YPS

Ms. Kirilova is currently working for the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU, during the ongoing Bulgarian Presidency of the Council, focused on COEST and COLAC. Her previous experience was with OSCE-ODIHR Election Observation Mission in Sofia; DG TAXUD.B3. International Coordination: Europe and Neighbouring Countries; Black Sea Institute; Ministry of Culture; Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After eight years of active engagement in youth policy, she is an alumni of the Erasmus Mundus Association, the National Youth Forum of Bulgaria, and the Bulgarian Youth Delegates to the UN. She is a PhD student in International Security at the CUB Hungary. She holds an Erasmus Mundus Double Degree International Masters in Russian, Central and East European Studies & Political Science (UoG, United Kingdom & CUB, Hungary), and MA in International Relations (UNWE, Sofia). She undertook exchange semesters at UAB, Spain and LSUNN, Russia. She implemented field research in ADA, Baku; ISU, Tbilisi. She conducted her studies in fluent Bulgarian, Spanish, Russian and English. She aims for EU external cooperation, providing regional security through youth policy and cultural diplomacy, as tools for peacebuilding and conflict prevention.



Ms. Haya Bako, Jordan, Young Mediterranean Voices Plus – ALF



Ms. Haya Bako, 23 years old, was born and raised in Amman (Jordan). Bako graduated from The Middle East University in Jordan with LLB. She works on enhancing her interpersonal and leadership skills. Since her junior year, Bako proved to be an active volunteer with "Madrasati Initiative" that is concerned about schools in Jordan, where she finds joy and pleasure by giving. She has always been an active member in civic and social associations. As a believer in feminism and women empowerment, on her sophomore year, Haya came up with an initiative - with a group of youth - that aims to raising the Legal awareness & the early marriage issues among underage girls. Bako participated in Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot which was held in Vienna on March 2018. Moreover she is involved in the international initiatives such as Young Arab Voices and Young Mediterranean Voices Plus. The former is an

international debate competition, where over the years she attained a title of master trainer, and together with her team won many international competitions. Now Bako is focusing on her career at courts and law firms.

Ms. Mercedes Garcia-Perez, Head of Division for Human Rights, European External Action Service

Ms. Mercedes García Pérez is the Head of Division for Human Rights in the European External Action Service, under the Managing Directorate for Global issues. Her Division is in charge of dedicated human rights dialogues and consultations with third countries; mainstreaming of human rights policy concerns into EU external policies, including in crisis management, counter-terrorism or migration policy; developing and supporting EU thematic strategies, including the implementation of guidelines addressing specific human rights concerns, such as freedom of religion or belief, abolition of the death penalty, and promoting fundamental rights essential for human and democratic development; preparation of EU policy positions on human rights in both bilateral relations with third countries and in multilateral forums, such as the UN Human Rights Council, the UN General Assembly Third Committee, the Council of Europe and the OSCE. The Human Rights Division also maintains close relations with civil society organizations from the EU and third countries working in the field of human rights and is in charge of programming financial assistance and support under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).



Concluding remarks

Ms. Elisabeth Guigou, President, Anna Lindh Foundation



Elisabeth Guigou is President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, the central institution for intercultural dialogue across the Mediterranean and member of the steering group for the UN-mandated Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security. Prior to assuming her mandate as President, Mme Guigou served as the Minister of European Affairs of France, Member of the European Parliament, and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly. In addition to this, President Guigou was the first female to be appointed Minister of Justice in France, where she gained international recognition for her fight for a more independent justice system.

Mr Magnus Magnusson, UNESCO, Director for Partnerships and Outreach Sector for Social and Human Sciences



Mr. Magnus Magnusson joined UNESCO 1 September 2017 as Director for Partnerships and Outreach in the Human and Social Science Division. Prior to joining UNESCO, Magnus held positions as Vice President for Emerging Markets and Sustainability at Eco Capacity Exchange, Head of Government Relations, Northern Europe at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Head of Business Development and External Relations at the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and Regional Manager at the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) with responsibility for a USD 150 million infrastructure portfolio in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana and Ethiopia. Magnus started his career at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with desk responsibility for the World Bank, regional development banks, IFAD and micro finance.

Thereafter he joined the Nordic Council of Ministers as Senior Advisor for the finance, transport and development cooperation sectors. He also acted as secretary to the Board of Governors of the Nordic Investment Bank, Nordic Development Fund and representative in the Board of the Nordic Project Fund. Hereafter Magnus joined the United Nations Environment Programme/GRID Arendal as Head of the Stockholm Office.

Mr. Dilshan Annaraj, Sri Lanka, World Vision, Associate Director, Peacebuilding Programming

Mr. Dilshan Annaraj is the Associate Director for peacebuilding programming at World Vision International. He currently leads the organization's Children, Youth, and Inter-faith Peacebuilding and is the global lead for the Empowering Children as Peacebuilders (ECaP) project model. He also works for the integration of conflict-sensitivity in WV's programming. Dilshan was also a steering team member of the Global Partnership for Children and Youth in Peacebuilding and provided leadership to the 2015 multi-country, multi-donor, multi-agency ("3M") evaluation on Children and Youth's participation in Peacebuilding. In August 2015, he helped organize youth participation at the Amman Youth Peace conference, and he contributed to the UNSCR 2250.



Mr. Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Vice-President of the European Parliament



Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo (born in 1985), is an Italian politician of the Movimento 5 Stelle, and is a member of the EP party `Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group` since 2014. Currently, he is a member of the committee on Foreign Affairs and on Constitutional Affairs. Moreover, he is part of the delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union. Since 2012, Mr Fabio Massimo Castaldo holds a Double Master's degree in Italian and French law which he finished with summa cum laude. From 2013 to 2014, he was a Parliamentary assistant at the Italian Senate.