



Expert Workshop

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The Action Plan 'Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Peace-Building'

Status quo and Perspectives in European Comparison

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The Action Plan ‘Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Peace-Building’ constitutes the most comprehensive framework for the German Federal Government’s peace policy to date. It aims at establishing civilian crisis prevention as a cross-sectional task for the entire Federal Government’s (foreign) policy. Lead-managed by the Foreign Office, all governmental departments contributed to this 70-pages document which was passed by the federal cabinet on 12 May 2004. The document specifically dwells on new challenges in international relations (political economy and regional dimension of intrastate wars, terrorism, state failure, etc.), and establishes an integrative approach not reduced to the ‘classic’ fields of crisis prevention (foreign, security, and development policy) but – based on an ‘expanded’ security concept – also including economic, financial, environmental, cultural and justice policies.

The governmental departments have named Commissioners for Civilian Crisis Prevention to implement the Action Plan. Together they form the Interministerial Steering Group for Civilian Crisis Prevention (Ressortkreis ‘Zivile Konfliktprävention’) chaired by the Foreign Office’s Commissioner. While the responsibility for most of the 161 actions outlined in the plan lies within specific ministries, the Interministerial Steering Group has chosen four action areas to be dealt with in sub-working groups in close cooperation between several ministries (security sector reform, discussion group with one pilot country, drafting of a law on posting German aid workers (‘Entsendegesetz’), examination of the British pool model).

The German Bundestag (federal parliament) has obliged the Federal Government to report after two years on the implementation of the Plan’s 161 actions. To enable a realistic assessment of the Plan’s implementation and political impact from an academic point of view, a comprehensive stock-taking following clearly defined criteria will be necessary. It is an important aim of this workshop to develop these criteria at an early stage. As the Plan’s 161 actions vary very much as far as their concretization and operationalization is concerned, the workshop’s first part shall contribute to an early *development of measures and benchmarks for success or failure in the Plan’s different action fields*, thereby following the Plan’s two main chapters (‘multilateral crisis prevention’ and ‘strategic leverage points for crisis prevention’). For each chapter, experts will present three exemplary subject areas that seem to be especially forward-looking and therefore worth debating. They will concentrate their presentations on the specific relevance of these particular areas within the Government’s Action Plan and its implementation.

The European level – although it constitutes an important reference point for Germany’s development, foreign and security policy – remains rather underdeveloped in the Action Plan. Against this background, the workshop’s second part looks at *similar concepts on the European Union level* and asks how German activities could be better interlinked with European endeavours. During the debate, reference should also be made to the European Security Strategy developed by Javier Solana (‘A Secure Europe in a Better World’, adopted by the European Council on 12 December 2003) and the report entitled ‘A Human Security Doctrine for Europe’ (Mary Kaldor et al.). Both documents constitute important reference points for the European debate. So far the opportunity has been missed to compare their contents and directions to the Action Plan’s objectives.

The workshop’s third part finally aims at introducing *British concepts and experiences* to broaden and enrich the specific German approach. This will probably be the first forum for such a debate in Germany. First, on a conceptual level, the study ‘Investing in Prevention’ by the U.K. Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit (January 2005) shall be compared to selected parts of the Federal Government’s Action Plan. Second, and very concretely, considering as example the security sector reform, we want to discuss if and how the British ‘Conflict Prevention Pools’ model could be transformed to Germany. The areas ‘Conflict Prevention Pools’ and ‘security sector reform’ were chosen as they constitute two of four German ‘lighthouse’ projects (‘Leuchtturmprojekte’), and as they have already been evaluated in Great Britain.

Thursday, 26 January 2006

13.00 hrs

Welcome and opening

Dr Michèle Roth

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Session I

The Action Plan ‘Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Peace-Building’

Main focuses and benchmarks

Subject area 1: Multilateral Crisis Prevention

13.30 hrs

Inputs

Enhancing regional responsibility (example: Sub-Saharan Africa)

Dr Stefan Mair

Member of the Directing Staff

German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Vice-chair of the Federal Government’s Advisory Board “Civilian Crisis Prevention”

Non-proliferation, disarmament, arms control and sanctions

Dr Michael Brzoska

Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC),

Starting 2/2006: Director

Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, Hamburg

Involving the international financial institutions

Dr Martina Metzger

Executive Director

Berlin Institute for Financial Market Research (BIF), Berlin

14.00 hrs

Discussion

Chairperson

Professor Sabine von Schorlemer

Professor of International Law, European Union Law and International Relations

Technical University of Dresden

Member of the Development and Peace Foundation’s Advisory Board, Bonn

15.30 hrs

Coffee break

Subject area 2: Strategic Leverage Points For Crisis Prevention

16.00 hrs

Inputs

Rule of law, democracy and good governance

Professor Thilo Marauhn

Professor for Public Law, International Law and European Law
University of Gießen

Economic and social affairs

Alexander Carius

Executive Director
Adelphi Research gGmbH, Berlin

16.30 hrs

Discussion

Chairperson

Dr Uwe Kievelitz

Head of Unit
International Cooperation in the Context of Conflicts and Disasters
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Eschborn

18.00 hrs

Dinner

Session II

Linking-up to the European Level

The German Action Plan and activities of the European Union

19.00 hrs

Panel discussion

Catriona Gourlay

Marie Curie Fellow
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, Geneva

Professor Volker Rittberger

Professor for Political Science and International Relations
Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen
Chair of the Governing Council of the German Foundation for Peace Research

Dr György Tatár

Head of Task Force
Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit
General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels

20.00 hrs

Plenary discussion

Chairperson

Dr Martina Fischer

Deputy Director
Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management, Berlin

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Session III

Great Britain: A Shining Example?

'Investing in Prevention' and the 'Conflict Prevention Pools'

**Subject area 1: 'Investing in Prevention' –
Differences and Similarities with the German Action Plan**

9.00 hrs

Inputs

Ambassador Ortwin Hennig

Chair

Interministerial Steering Group for Civilian Crisis Prevention
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dan Smith

Secretary General

International Alert, London

9.30 hrs

Discussion

Introduction and Chair

Dr Tobias Debiel

Executive Director

Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), Duisburg

10.30 hrs

Coffee break

**Subject area 2: The 'Conflict Prevention Pools' Model –
British experience and its transferability to German politics
(Exemplified by the Security Sector Reform)**

11.00 hrs

Inputs

Graham Thompson

Head of Security Sector Reform Programme

Department for International Development (DFID) , London

Professor Herbert Wulf

Advisor to the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Pinneberg

11.30 hrs

Discussion

Introduction and Chair

Dr Greg Austin

Research Director

Foreign Policy Centre, London

12.30 hrs

Outlook: Perspectives for Research and Politics

Angelika Spelten

Board Member of the German Platform for Peaceful Conflict Management, Bonn
Chair of the Federal Government's Advisory Board "Civilian Crisis Prevention"

12.45 hrs

Closing remarks

Volker Kähne

Chairman of the Executive Committee
Development and Peace Foundation, Bonn