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Bologna Peacebuilding Forum 2022

Re-imagining Conflict Prevention

Bologna, 3-5 May 2022

On May 3, 4 and 5, 2022, the Agency for Peacebuilding (AP) organizes the 4th edition of the **Bologna Peacebuilding Forum (BPF)**, a key event on peacebuilding in Italy and Europe. The BPF has two main goals. Firstly, it wants to strengthen the network of peacebuilding scholars and practitioners to improve policy-oriented research and fieldwork; and secondly, to open up the peacebuilding domain to a wider audience.

The Bologna Peacebuilding Forum aims to offer a space for dialogue between peacebuilding scholars and practitioners. Furthermore, the BPF strives to open up the discussion to a larger audience comprising foreign policy experts, civil society actors, and public opinion.

Now in its fourth year, the BPF offers a platform for debating relevant and timely topics concerning various aspects of peacebuilding. After three successful editions, from 2019 to 2021, the BPF has become a prime venue for peacebuilding discussions in Italy and internationally.

The **Agency for Peacebuilding (AP)** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote conditions to enable the resolution of conflict, reduce violence and contribute to a durable peace across Europe and the world. AP is the first Italian organization specializing in peacebuilding. This allows us to occupy a unique role in the European landscape: on the one hand, we interpret and synthesize relevant topics for the benefit of Italian agencies and institutions working on peace and security; on the other, we highlight experiences, capacities, and resources specific to the Italian system, which can contribute to the resolution of violent conflict.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.peacebuilding.eu>



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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 3 May

Venue: Sala Anziani, Palazzo d'Accursio, Piazza Maggiore, 6, Bologna

10:00 – 13:30

Civil Society Dialogue Network NGO Roundtable Meeting with European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) - The EU and Peacebuilding (invitation only)

The overall objective of the meeting is to enable representatives of Italian-based NGOs to increase their knowledge of EU peacebuilding policies and practices, and to learn about NGO advocacy efforts on the topic.

Are you an Italian NGO or association interested in attending? If so, please contact us at m.sustersic@peaceagency.org.

15:30 – 17:00

Launch of Agency for Peacebuilding's Study on *Italy and Peacebuilding*

AP will present and launch the first report on Italy's infrastructure and practices in the peacebuilding and conflict prevention domain. The study takes stock of the capabilities of Italian political institutions and non-governmental actors on peace and how they work in conflict-affected areas.

Welcome address: Anna Lisa Boni, Municipality of Bologna

Video message: Marina Sereni, Viceminister of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Discussants:

- Bernardo Venturi, Agency for Peacebuilding
- Representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Donata Garrasi, Political and security strategist, former director political affairs UN

Moderator: Margot Jones, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office



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Wednesday 4 May

Venue: Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS Europe), Via Beniamino Andreatta 3, Bologna

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09:30 – 10:00 Arrival of participants and welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome address**

- Bernardo Monzani, Agency for Peacebuilding
- Michael Plummer, Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies
- Anna Lisa Boni, Municipality of Bologna

10:45 – 12:45 **Session 1 – An Agenda for Prevention after Ukraine**

Guiding question: How is prevention prioritized in Europe? What is the potential of prevention to address the challenges to come?

- Roberta Dirosa, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Juan Lucero Zelada, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute (EUI)
- Martina Pignatti Morano, Un Ponte Per...

Moderator: Ben Moore, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office

Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45 **Session 2 – Systemic Prevention and Early Warning in a Multipolar World**

Guiding questions: How can efforts to address short-term risks be balanced with the need to promote structural prevention? Is early warning still a feasible option?

- Hafsa M. Maalim, Department of Political Affairs, Peace & Security, African Union
- Anastasia Fusco, Adviser on Youth and Security, OSCE Secretariat
- Francesco Strazzari, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and SAIS

Moderator: Irene Caratelli, American University of Rome



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Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30 **Keynote Exchange: The Future of Prevention**

Bert Koenders, President of the Dutch Advisory Council on Peace and Security, Kooijmans Professor at Leiden University, and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

In dialogue with Hannah Roberts, POLITICO

17:30 – 17:45 **Final Remarks**

Thursday 5 May

Venue: Laboratorio 41, Via Castiglione, 41, Bologna

Next Generation Forum (invitation only)

Role-play workshop on conflict prevention and social visit to institutions and civil society organizations in Bologna, organized in cooperation with the American University of Rome.