



EUNPACK

A CONFLICT SENSITIVE UNPACKING OF
THE EU COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH
TO CONFLICT AND CRISES MECHANISM

UNPACKING THE EU'S INTEGRATED APPROACH TO EXTERNAL CONFLICTS AND CRISES

**EUNPACK Final Conference
Brussels, March 18-19, 2019**

As the Horizon 2020-funded EUNPACK project nears its end, this final conference will provide an opportunity to look back at three years of research and fieldwork and to consider the policy implications of its findings. How has EU crisis response been shaped by the two gaps the projects analysed – between intentions and implementation and between implementation and local reception/perceptions? How did these gaps determine the EU's ability to contribute more effectively to problem-solving on the ground? To answer these questions, EUNPACK combines bottom-up perspectives with an institutional approach in order to deepen our understanding of how EU crisis responses function and are received on the ground in crisis areas. This entails exploring local agencies and perceptions in target countries without losing sight of the EU's institutions, their expectations and ambitions. It also entails examining the whole crisis cycle.

The final conference will bring together EUNPACK researchers and their peers with policymakers, civil society representatives and other practitioners, drawn from universities, think tanks, the EU institutions, and diplomatic missions in Brussels.

Day 1

12:30-13:15 Registration and light lunch

13:15-13:30 **WELCOME: HOW CONFLICT-SENSITIVE IS EU CRISIS RESPONSE?**

The welcoming speech sets the scene, looks back at 3 years of project implementation, and suggests some of the key policy recommendations.
Morten Bøas, NUPI and Principal Investigator of the EUNPACK project

13:30-14:00 **KEYNOTE: HOW TO INCREASE EU CONFLICT SENSITIVITY?**

Hilde Hardeman, Head of Service, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission

14:00-15:30 **PANEL 1 – Concepts and policy planning**
Moderator: *Pernille Rieker, NUPI*

The EU's Integrated Approach to Crisis Response: Learning from NATO, UN and OSCE
Loes Debuysere, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Discussants:

Rory Keane, UN Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS)

Ruben-Erik Diaz-Plaja, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO

René Van Nes, PRISM, EEAS

15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea

16:00-17:30 **PANEL 2 – The EU in Eastern Europe**
Moderator: *Jozef Batora, Comenius University, Bratislava*

Ten years of EULEX mission in Kosovo

Mateja Peter, University of St. Andrews, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Sonja Stojanović Gajić, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP)

The EU's crisis response in Ukraine

Roman Petrov, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv

Discussants:

Katja Lenzing, Support Group for Ukraine/DG NEAR

Xavier Denis, CMPD, EEAS

Isabelle Ioannides, EPRS

Day 2

08:45-09:15 Registration and coffee

09:15-09:30 **WARM-UP: Key drivers for conflict-sensitive EU approach**
Ingo Peters, Freie University in Berlin

09:30-11:00 **PANEL 3 – The EU in the Wider Neighbourhood**
Moderator: *Kari Osland, NUPI*

Crisis Response and Border Management in Libya

Francesco Strazzari, Sant'Anna University, Pisa

The European Union in Mali – Five Years to Little Avail?

Abdoul Wahab Cissé, Alliance for Rebuilding Governance in Africa (ARGA)

The EU in Afghanistan

Orzala A. Nemat, Afghanistan Research & Evaluation Unit (AREU)

11:00-11:30 Coffee/tea

11:30-12:30 WRAP-UP: WHAT LESSONS FOR EU POLICYMAKERS? / EU CRISIS RESPONSE: THE WAY AHEAD

This panel will explore the policy recommendations that emerge from EUNPACK research, and the prospects for their implementation.

Moderator: *Steven Blockmans, CEPS*

Morten Bøas, NUPI and Principal Investigator of the EUNPACK project

Pernille Rieker, NUPI

Herve Delphin, Head of Strategic Policy Planning, EEAS (tbc)

12:30-14:00 Farewell lunch



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