

FAST FACTS

UNDP Action for Cooperation & Trust in Cyprus and ENGI Participatory Peacemaking

The PARTICIPATORY PEACEMAKING Project will create opportunities for senior political and civic leaders of the two communities in Cyprus to discuss their role in the peace negotiations. The project will bring together senior representatives of the civic and political leadership from Cyprus, Northern Ireland, South Africa and the Balkans, to share experiences of peacemaking and reconciliation.



Exchanging knowledge on peacemaking from all over the world
(photo: <http://www.un.org/works>)

The idea for this valuable cooperation between ENGI and UNDP-ACT grew out of a previous collaboration. In partnership with the Causeway Institute, this initiative brought senior negotiators from the Northern Ireland peace process to share experiences of the Good Friday Agreement with civic and political leaders in Cyprus.

In May 2012, UNDP-ACT and ENGI supported a delegation of Cypriot civil society leaders representing both communities, to speak at a meeting of the UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Conflict Issues. This was the first time that civil society representatives of the two communities presented a cohesive case for the structural reform of the peace process that would allow the harmonious collaboration of track 1 (the leaders), track 2 (civil society) and track 3 (the wider public).



ENGI

ENGI is a UK-based NGO which, through its extensive networks, creates opportunities for new relationships, new ideas and new initiatives for conflict management. Its involvement in conflict prevention policy and its experience of bringing major issues from conflict zones around the world, to the UK Parliament for discussion enables ENGI to bring a fresh approach.

This project builds on ENGI's previous dialogue efforts in Cyprus, by encouraging knowledge exchange between the Northern Ireland and Cyprus peace processes.

The positive results and the trust generated by these initiatives enabled ENGI to inform the debate on innovative and inclusive approaches to the "Cyprus Problem".

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The project will convene a high level meeting in Malta and two dialogue fora in Cyprus in order to find ways to broaden the Cypriot peace process. It is hoped these efforts will assist both communities in their efforts to promote a more inclusive peace process.



2011 seminar in Cyprus bringing together representatives from the DUP (The Rt. Hon. Jeffrey Donaldson MP) and Sinn Féin (Mitchell McCloughlin) with political parties of the two communities (photo: from www.engi.org.uk).

Partners: ENGI

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