

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION
AND PEACEBUILDING**

Europe in the Shadow of War: New Challenges for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Conflict Management



**Thursday, 29 September 2022, 8.30 a.m. – 3.45 p.m. CEST
hybrid: at the Federal Foreign Office (Weltsaal) and online**

For the first time since the end of the East–West conflict, the whole of Europe is threatened by a major military conflict. Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine represents a blatant breach of the principles of the United Nations Charter and marks a turning point. This raises anew the question of the European and global peace and security order.

The Berlin Peace Dialogue 2022 will therefore focus on the effectiveness and limitations of instruments currently in use, as well as on the potential of innovations in the field of civilian crisis prevention and conflict management. In various formats, the current national and European institutional structures and instruments of early warning and civil crisis prevention will be scrutinised and discussed against the backdrop of Russia’s aggression.

This year’s Berlin Peace Dialogue will offer insightful testimonials and perspectives from international practitioners, researchers, policy makers and peace activists.

The conference language is English. Simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided.

The conference will be held in a hybrid format. Attendance in person at the Federal Foreign Office or online are possible. Please register [HERE](#) by 21 September 2022 and choose which workshop you would like to join.

The Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding

By bringing together expertise on crisis prevention and peacebuilding from both civil society and academia, the Advisory Board supports the Federal Government in these areas. It is appointed for four years and comprises twenty experts from academia, foundations and civil society organizations. It follows the implementation of the Federal Government’s guidelines on “[Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace](#)” published in 2017.

The Advisory Board fosters constant exchange between the Federal Government and civil society. It publishes positions on overarching strategic questions. In addition, it develops contributions on pertinent issues.

Location:

Federal Foreign Office
Weltsaal
Unterwasserstraße 10
10117 Berlin

PROGRAM

9.30

WELCOME & OPENING

- Annalena Baerbock, Federal Foreign Minister
- Dr Kira Vinke and Bodo von Borries, Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding

9.50

SETTING THE STAGE

- Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Belarusian Civil Rights Activist

10.15

10.30

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SHORT BREAK

OPENING PANEL: CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN "CRISIS MODE"?

Key questions:

- Has the European peace order of the Charter of Paris and the idea of common security from Vancouver to Vladivostok failed, was it perhaps always an illusion?
- Is Europe reverting to the Cold War era or is the situation entirely different today?
- What are the consequences of the war for the European institutions and for the instruments designed to preserve European security?
- What will now become of the other global challenges: fighting the climate crisis, poverty reduction, arms control, etc.?
- Panelists:
 - Heidi Grau, Ambassador of Switzerland to Georgia
 - Orysia Lutsevych, Head, Ukraine Forum, Chatham House
 - Alice Mogwe, DITSHWANELO – The Botswana Centre for Human Rights
 - Dr Cesare Zucconi, Secretary General, Community of Sant'Egidio
 - Valery Kavaleusky, Deputy Head and Representative for Foreign Affairs in the United Transitional Cabinet headed by Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya
- Facilitation: Professor Dr Hans-Joachim Gießmann, Member of the Advisory Board, Director Emeritus, Berghof Foundation

12.00

13.00

LUNCH BREAK

13.00

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1. Early Warning and Strategic Foresight

- Panelists:
 - Colonel Ralf Feldotto, Head of Division SE I 3 Early Crisis Detection, Federal Ministry of Defence
 - Hans-Christian Mangelsdorf, Chief Data Scientist, Federal Foreign Office
 - Dr Florence Gaub, Foresight Advisor, Council of the European Union
- Facilitation: Rainer L. Glatz, Lieutenant General (retired), Member of the Advisory Board

2. Instruments of Civilian Crisis Prevention

- Panelists:
 - Dr Sebastian Relitz, Director, Corridors – Dialogue through Cooperation
 - Dr Kristi Raik, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute
 - Stefan Melle, Executive Director, DRA
- Reflections
 - Matthias Lüttenberg, Director for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office
 - Dr Henning Plate, Head of Division 502, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Facilitation: Dr Sonja Schifffers, Member of the Advisory Board, Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation Tbilisi Office – South Caucasus Region

3. Multilateral Structures, International Commitments and Linkages

- Panelists:
 - Tuula Yrjölä, Director, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre
 - Andrew Gilmour, Executive Director, Berghof Foundation
- Commentators:
 - Jonathan Cohen, Director, Conciliation Resources
 - Professor Dr Lars Kirchhoff, Institute for Conflict Management at European University Viadrina & mediation hub in a joint project with the Federal Foreign Office
- Facilitation: Luxshi Vimalarajah, Senior Advisor Mediation & Development, Berghof Foundation

4. Energy Security and Climate Crisis in the Context of Russia's War of Aggression

- Panelists:
 - Professor Dr Franziska Holz, Deputy Head of the Energy, Transportation, Environment Department, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

- Christoph Podewils, Director of Communications, Global Solutions Initiative
- Holger Lösch, Deputy Director General, BDI e.V.
- Heike Thiele, Director for Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation, Federal Foreign Office
- Facilitation: Dr Kira Vinke, Co-Chair of the Advisory Board, Center for Climate and Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

14.30

15.00

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COFFEE BREAK

CONCLUDING PANEL: PROMOTING CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION IN THE SHADOW OF WAR

Key questions:

- Are the basic assumptions of crisis prevention and peace policy to be revised after Russian aggression against Ukraine? Are these assumptions still valid in non-Eastern-Europe conflict settings?
- How can we even get conflict parties to cooperate and negotiate who obviously have no interest in doing so? Can sanctions and deterrence increase willingness to cooperate and provide incentives for dialogue?
- What conclusions can be drawn for the combination of civil and military instruments of prevention and conflict management?
- Which main messages from the workshops should find their way into the new German national security strategy?
- Panelists:
 - Dr Anton Hofreiter, Member of the German Bundestag, Chair of the Committee for European Union Affairs
 - Dr Hanna Shelest, Security Studies Program Director, Ukrainian Prism
 - Michael Keating, Executive Director, European Institute of Peace
- Facilitation: Prof Dr Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Member of the Advisory Board, Senior Researcher, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)

16.30

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Dr Kira Vinke and Bodo von Borries, Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board