

Concerning: scenario-mapping workshop “Saving Europe as the peace project”

CONFIRMATION

To whom it may concern

Hereby I confirm that Ms Victoria Vdovychenko has participated in a scenario-mapping workshop entitled “Saving Europe as the peace project” which took place on 20-21st of December 2018 in Kyiv, Ukraine. We asked Ms Vdovychenko to be present in the capacity of an expert and share her experience as well as reflect on the possible future developments in Europe by 2040.

Background information

The scenario mapping exercise took place at a moment of challenging political dynamics in Europe and its close neighborhood, new security discussion and fresh proposals for the future outlook of integration process. PAX argues that the peacebuilding perspective deserves its well-deserved seat at the table. The background of the participants in meetings organized by us was varied, included civil society, academics, government/EU institutions and was also geographically spread. On the basis of the expert input from the EU member-states short outlines of the scenarios were developed in the kick-off meeting which took place in Utrecht. Then, two follow-up workshops were organized to validate and further develop the scenarios focusing on the developments in the Western Balkans (countries on the way to EU membership) and in Ukraine (with participants from the eastern neighbourhood). The final scenarios report will be presented and discussed at public events on the future of Europe as a ‘peace project’ throughout March – May 2019 to initiate a debate on EU’s role in preserving peace prior, to the elections for the European Parliament in 2019, the Sibiu Summit on the future of Europe, and in the midst of the preparation of the EU’s Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

Organizer

This scenario exercise and related activities are the initiative of PAX, the largest Netherlands-based peace organization with a very long history in peace work in Europe (including Western Balkans and Ukraine) as well as in among others the Middle East, Sub-Sahara Africa and Colombia. For over 60 years PAX has worked together with people in (post) conflict areas and concerned citizens to build just and peaceful societies across the globe. We are committed to bringing armed conflict to an end and to building peace with justice. In 2017 PAX received the Nobel Peace Prize as a leading member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

Yours sincerely,



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