

"V 4 PREVENTION"

SERIES OF WORKSHOPS IN VISEGRAD GROUP TO PREVENT MASS ATROCITIES

Third workshop

23 - 25 February 2015

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Background

The latest events regarding international terrorism have once again set high on the agenda of governments and regional organizations, including the European Union, the issues of respect and promotion of human rights, prevention of mass atrocity crimes (genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity) as well as development and operationalization of the Responsibility to Protect as adopted at the UN World Summit in 2005.

The UN and the EU have pursued as a common goal to raising awareness and building skills, both at the national and regional levels, in order to facilitate the global implementation of the abovementioned objectives.

In this regard, since the change of regime occurred in 1989-1990, members of the Visegrad Group have been cooperating in several fields of common regional interest, further developing their collaboration within the EU. Among these areas of shared concern, prevention of violent conflicts and mass atrocities generated new possibilities for regional cooperation.

This series of workshops launched by the Budapest Centre for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities in partnership with the Milan Simecka Foundation, Slovakia, Transitions, Czech Republic and the University of Gdansk, Poland and supported by the International Visegrad Fund offers a good opportunity for building a common preventive framework in the region.

The first workshop took place in Budapest in January 2014 and the second one in Bratislava in July 2014.

The workshops aim at:

- Building skills related to prevention of mass atrocities in the Visegrad Group;
- Contributing to the efforts of the international community to effectively address the threat of mass atrocities;
- Strengthening expertise and knowledge of mass atrocities prevention in EU institutions and governments, academia and among the youth of Member States;
- Encouraging the International Community to act in concert;
- Promoting dialogue between international institutions, governments, academia and civil society on current issues and tasks related to RtoP;
- Creating national networks for the implementation of mass atrocities preventative strategies.

Implementation

After the first successful phase in 2014, the next phase in 2015 will be started with the workshop in Prague on 23-25 February and supported by the International Visegrad Fund.

The number of participants of each exercise will be limited to twenty, including one representative of each member state of the Visegrad Group not hosting the training.

The project targets mainly the staffs in the Ministries of defence, interior, foreign affairs, justice and the intelligence services, being these potential participants in international peace-building and preventative activities, as well as researchers and civil society.

The Budapest Centre and its Czech partner Transitions will provide experts who will deliver lectures and facilitate the workshop. In doing so, the Budapest Centre will rely on national capacities as much as possible.

All workshops will be highly interactive, paying special attention to sharing knowledge, experience and best practices, assessing capacities in institutional and national mechanisms and identifying ways for enhancing collaboration.

Each programme will be tailored to national requirements, taking timely issues into account.

No fees will be charged for participation of Visegrad Countries participants. Organizers will provide meals and material to each attendee.

The workshops will be held in English and will require basic computer skills.

A certificate of attendance will be conferred to all trainees provided that they participate to the entire programme of the workshop.

Programme

Monday 23 February 2015		
Morning session	What are genocide and mass atrocities?	
8,30 - 9,00	Registration of participants	
9,00 - 9,20	Introductory session - Presentation of the programme	Gyorgy Tatar, Budapest Centre; Veronika Stromšíková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Jeremy Druker, TOL.
9,20 - 10,00	Presentation of the participants	Mark Barwick, Budapest Centre
10,00 - 10,30	Prevention of Conflicts and Prevention of Atrocity Crimes	Gyorgy Tatar, Budapest Centre
10,30 - 11,00	Coffee break	
11,00 - 13,00	Historical and contemporary examples of genocide / Legal and practical tools for prevention and punishment of genocide and mass atrocities at national and international level	Enzo M. Le Fevre Cervini, Budapest Centre
13,00 - 14,00	Lunch	
Afternoon session	Addressing threats	
14,00 - 16,00	Roundtable "Contemporary challenges: segregation, anti-Semitism and hate speech"	Jaroslav Valúch, Campaign against Hate Violence; Tomas Kraus Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic; Zdenek Rysavy, ROMEA; Mark Barwick, Budapest Centre (moderator)
16,00 - 16,30	Coffee break	

16,30 - 18,00	Risk assessment of atrocity crimes: the methodology developed by the UN Office of the Special Adviser to Prevent Genocide	Davide Zaru, UN Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
Tuesday 24 February 2015		
Morning session	How to prevent?	
8,30 - 9,00	Warm up discussion	Mark Barwick, Budapest Centre
9,00 - 10,30	<i>(Exercise)</i> Assessment of specific country situations from an atrocity crime perspective and identification of possible options for response	Davide Zaru, UN Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
10,30 - 11,00	Coffee break	
11,00 - 12,30	Narrowing the gap between Early Warning and Early Action in the European External Action Service	Terri Beswick, Conflict Prevention, Peace building and Mediation Instruments Division, EEAS
12,30 - 14,00	Lunch	
Afternoon session	Tools for response	
14,00 - 15,15	Conflict Prevention and Early Warning: The OSCE's Toolbox	Tarik Ndifi, OSCE CPC Operations Service
15,15 - 15,45	Coffee break	
15,45 - 16,45	Dialogue and Mediation - tools for addressing situations at risk	Mark Barwick, Budapest Centre
16,45 - 17,15	Decision making in a dynamic environment	Mark Whitlock
Wednesday 25 February 2015		
Morning session	Prevention in practice	
8,30 - 9,00	Warm up discussion	Mark Barwick, Budapest Centre



9,00 - 13,00	Country X simulation	Mark Whitlock & Tucker Harding
13,00 - 14,00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Afternoon session	Building up capabilities	
14,00 - 15,00	Country X simulation debriefing	Mark Whitlock & Tucker Harding
15,00 - 16,00	Discussion with local stakeholders on the Responsibility to Protect and development of national capabilities	Veronika Bilkova, Institute of International Relations
16,00 - 16,30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
Final session		
16,30 - 17,15	Lessons learned of the training from the aspect of developing national capabilities	Enzo M. Le Fevre Cervini, Budapest Centre