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IECEU - Improving the Effectiveness of Capabilities in EU conflict prevention –project is launched in May 2015

The new project **IECEU** started in the beginning of May 2015 and will last until end of February 2018 (33 months). IECEU -project aims towards enhancement of European Union (EU) external activities. The consortium is coordinated by Laurea University of Applied Sciences (Finland) and consists of a diverse group of civilian, research and military organisations reflecting the variety within EU missions. The overall goal of the project is to find out new approaches and solutions to respond the future challenges and threats.

The IECEU Consortium consists of multinational team of 11 partners from 7 different countries (Finland, Denmark, Slovenia, Ireland, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium). IECEU is funded by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020 and it studies the conflict prevention, crisis management and peacebuilding capabilities of EU. The project analyses and evaluates the missions effectiveness in three selected, case study areas, where Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) activities are represented: Balkans, Africa, Middle East and Asia. Such comprehensive analysis of current external actions can provide better answers to creating more effective missions.

Through analyses and evaluations the project will identify the best practices and develop new approaches and solutions. In order to achieve the set goals IECEU –project aims to strengthen cooperation between different actors in the operational context. The project looks to provide recommendations for EU to guarantee the long-term stability.

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