



**Annual Conference of the Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding**

## **What Do Crises Teach Us?**

**Civilian Crisis Prevention in Germany and the EU**

**2 October 2020, 09:30–17:00 hrs**

### **Invitation**

Unresolved long-lasting conflicts in Europe's neighbourhood, progressing climate change and the corona pandemic as an amplifier – the European Union is navigating through troubled times. During the German EU Presidency, important political and financial decisions are due. Negotiations with the EU Parliament on the European Council's draft for the next multi-annual financial framework and the EU Next Generation Programme are imminent. A new Africa Strategy and an Africa-EU Summit are planned. How important will the civilian component of crisis prevention and peacebuilding in the EU be in the future? What can we learn from crises that were not prevented?

With its annual conference, the Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding would like to give an impetus for more policy coherence for peace at the EU level and for stronger foreign policy cooperation. Three years after the adoption of the Federal Government's Guidelines on "Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflict, Building Peace", the conference will draw political lessons from previous approaches and discuss proposals for the further development of strategies and instruments at the European level.

We would like to cordially invite you to this annual conference. It is aimed at decision-makers from the EU and Germany, civil society and policy advisors, as well as the interested public.

The conference will take place virtually in three blocks. Details of the programme can be found below. Conference language is English. A translation into French will be provided for the opening and closing panels and for workshop 5. Places for active participation in the workshops are limited. Please register by 25 September 2020 at [www.annualconference2020.de](http://www.annualconference2020.de).

**We are looking forward to your participation!**