



Dear friends, followers, and supporters,

it's half time. Not only regarding the UEFA-championships, but also the first semester of the year has passed, being a good opportunity to look back on the events of the last months. As always, there have been many new developments at CRISP: we have designed new simulation games, our activities in Germany and abroad have continued or expanded due to new projects, and also internally we have seen new developments.

As to you probably, also to us the subject of migration and integration has been of considerable concern. We conducted several workshops on the issue and plan to increasingly involve administration officials in Germany. Moreover, we intend to contribute to curbing religious extremism in Kyrgyzstan.

In the area of civic participation we were able to successfully close the project on the former airfield Tempelhof. The Development Plan, for which we mediated actively between the different stakeholders has been handed over to and adopted by the senate. Furthermore, we moderated the process towards new rules for windsport on the airfield and could help work out a viable and sustainable solution for all sides.

In cooperation with the Foundation Konrad-Adenauer we conducted a workshop on the US presidential elections. During the simulation we determined who could be the next president. In St- Petersburg we discussed the benefits and pitfalls of federalism with our Russian participants. Above that, we designed new simulation games: What can a possible future for the conflict in Ukraine look like? Why is energy transition in Germany such a complicated topic? What could a more intense and constructive civic participation in that matter look like?

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and that you are all doing very well. We are looking forward to your messages and to see what's new with you!

Best wishes

The CRISP-team

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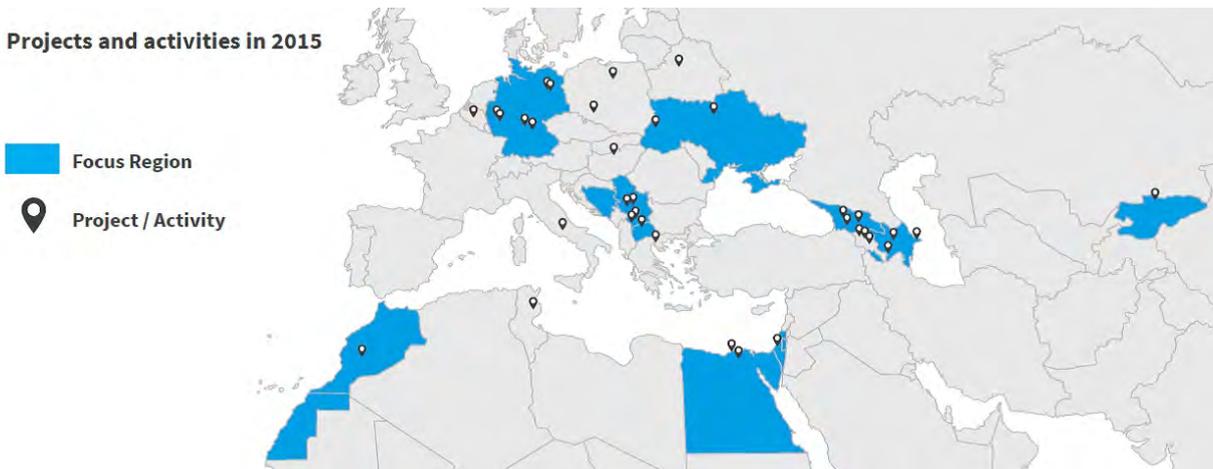
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NEWS

1. From Hildeburghausen to Bishkek...

...this is as far as our activities reached out in 2015 – among others those were seminars, workshops, trainings, and numerous simulation games. Not only geographically but also thematically we were involved quite broadly. For instance, we dealt with migration policy, the development of a future vision for Egypt as well as religious extremism. It was a busy but also rewarding and successful year for us. More information about our projects in 2015 and many other topics you will find as always in our [annual report](#).



2. New portfolio



In our new [portfolio](#) we have compiled those simulation games that we created just recently as well as those that are already a well-established part of our activities. Among the new ones there are for example a simulation game dealing with the United States presidential elections and one that aims at developing possible future scenarios for Ukraine.

KEY ISSUE: Use and development of the former airfield Tempelhof



1. Mediation in the process for a Development Plan (EPP) for the airfield



Berlin, May 18 Since the successful referendum, which prevented the construction of buildings on the former airfield of Tempelhof, many intense discussions about how the area should be used in the future have been going on. With its size of more than 360 ha, the airfield is one of the biggest inner-city parks in the world, making any discussion a city wide issue. In this framework it was decided, that in a one-year process the citizens of Berlin, in cooperation with the administration, should come up with a

development plan, providing guidelines for the future of the airfield. The development plan should define spaces for different needs and uses on the airfield, ranging from recreation, to history and from sport to nature conservation. CRISP was part of this process, being responsible for dealing with conflicts which might occur during the negotiations and consult the those responsible for the process.

Therefore, we were working intensively on trust building between the different stakeholders. Our goal was to establish a constructive attitude towards the collaboration process. As opinions and ideas were collected from different parts of society it was of great importance to establish a culture of acceptance of different perspectives on the future development of the airfield. Furthermore we were consulting the process coordinators and the staff of the administration in conflict sensitivity and process management. The scepticism towards the cooperation with actors from different areas was transformed into a culture of constructive cooperation. As our contribution was designed in a way of permanently accompanying the process we could always interfere and facilitate in case of occurring conflicts. That has led to the result that those actors who have been distrustful towards the process were integrated and played a constructive role during the process. In the end our contribution helped enabling the process to function, as the actors involved were not mainly focusing on dividing issues, but tried to identify common grounds. In order to build more sustainable and trustful structures more time would have been needed. Eventually, the [development plan](#) was accepted by all stakeholders involved. It will now be implemented by the Berlin parliament.

2. Moderation concerning windsport on the former airfield Tempelhof

Berlin, May 13 Following the activities regarding the development plan, we got involved in the moderation of a central conflict on the former airfield of Tempelhof: How can the need for space of the windsport be harmonized with the need for safety of other visitors of the airfield? In order to enhance the safety of all visitors, representatives of the windsport together with other citizens developed a safety concept for the airfield. As moderators it was crucial to enable a reconciliation of interests between the requirements of the windsport and the interests of other visitors. The process's [results](#) were then published.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. New simulation game - Quo vadis, Ukraine?



The efforts of stopping violent clashes in eastern Ukraine have so far rarely been successful. The current situation is still fragile and further combats remain probable. Moreover, the question of possible future scenarios for Ukraine has to be raised. Due to that situation we have created a simulation game that confronts participants with several questions concerning the future of the country.

What would a viable agreement look like that receives sufficient support and at the same time establishes sustainable structures which enable Ukrainians a peaceful

coexistence? What sort of accord can be made regarding Crimea and does a federal system pose a chance or a risk? Our [factsheet](#) gives you an idea of how the simulation picks up those questions in detail.

2. Seminar on federalism in St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, April 15-17 In the middle of April we conducted a workshop in the great city of St. Petersburg on the topic of federalism. In the framework of the “German Week” the participants discussed challenges and opportunities of federal political structures and linked it to the current situation in their country. The workshop included a training of trainers in the method of simulation gaming. We would like to thank the participants for the constructive and critical contributions, our partners for their support, and the German Embassy for the invitation.



3. Training-of-Trainers in Kyrgyzstan

Bishkek/Issyk-Kul, June 1-5 The first milestone for our project ‚Peaceful Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan‘ has been reached! The training of trainers in which 20 participants from four regions of Kyrgyzstan took part was fun, intense, and a great learning experience for everyone. During the training the participants thought about causes and countermeasures regarding religious extremism in their country. Furthermore, they developed facilitation skills in order to conduct workshops with young people in their home regions. The workshops will include a [simulation game](#) that tackles issues around the topic of radicalization and violent extremism. Moreover, it will provide a frame for the young adults to develop peace initiatives to prevent people from joining extremist groups. Some of the initiatives will be funded and co-implemented, so stay tuned for the up-coming activities!

The training was followed by a round table discussion during which the participants and government officials as well as representatives from religious institutions met and exchanged views about the current situation in Kyrgyzstan. The role of young people and the importance of their involvement was stressed and the future facilitators were encouraged by all members of the panel to continue their endeavors in countering religious extremism.



PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY

1. Who will be the next president?



Malente, May 14 In the context of a seminar offered by the Foundation Konrad-Adenauer and the Amerikazentrum Hamburg we conducted a [simulation game](#) with 20 high school students about the US primaries and caucuses preceding the US presidential elections. The battle for the White House was simulated by the participants taking over the roles of candidates, party chairmen or the press. The former had to get through several primaries, hold campaign speeches and to prove themselves in TV-debates to rally for votes. Through the seminar, the most crucial

mechanisms of the US-elections were imparted to the participants. They not only got to know the peculiarities of the US-electoral law (primaries, caucuses, Super-PACs etc.) but also got involved with current political issues that play a role in the elections.

2. Full-time course with the ForumZFD

Königswinter, April 25-29 For the third time the The Academy for Conflict Transformation in the Forum Civil Peace Service invited CRISP to conduct a conflict simulation as part of the Full-Time Course in Peace and Conflict Work. During four days the participants had the chance to review, apply and experience what they had learnt in the previous weeks of their course. The dynamics were intense and even two days after the simulation there was still a great need to discuss and understand what had happened. But we also had a lot of fun! Many thanks to all participants and the ForumZFD for this opportunity and inspiring time.



CRISP: INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. New team member Oliver



In April Oliver Wiechmann joined our team as project coordinator. During the last years, Oliver had been working in Armenia as trainer and project manager and already gained rich experience in the development and implementation of educational projects of different scales in various countries. In his work he likes to focus on the connection between theory and practice, being convinced that both spheres can mutually benefit from each other. We are looking forward to a productive and fruitful cooperation!

2. New assistant Anna und farewell to Johanna

Berlin, June 29 After three months at CRISP we had to say goodbye to Johanna Kleffmann at the end of June. We are very grateful for all the work she has done for our organization and we will miss her in our team. We wish her all the best for her future. At the same time, we are happy to welcome Anna Seib in our team, who will support our work from July to September.



OUTLOOK

1. Shaping Caucasus – 2. Teil Projekt im Nordkaukasus

Since the very beginning, the Caucasus has been one of CRISP's key regions. We started activities in the Northern Caucasus only some years ago. We impart seminars on non-formal education (including simulation games) to local multipliers. In July the second part of the current events begins, including a three-day festival, where different methods of non-formal education are presented and tested.



2. Open house

Following the tradition, also this year CRISP invites you to our open house, to chat about our projects and future plans for 2016 with a cup of coffee and cake. We would love to talk about this year's developments with old friends and people that might not know us yet but who are interested in our work. We hope to see many of you on **September 16, 2016 at 4 pm** at our office in **Weisestraße 27, Berlin**. Please, feel free to forward this invitation!

3. Projekt: Peace and Conflict Consultant - Follow-up



Last year we already conducted a training for peacebuilders in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Russia. This year there will be a follow-up, which will give the multipliers and even stronger role in implementation. On our part, preparations are already in full swing.

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