

Dear Sir or Madam,

The rebuilding of postwar-regions depends essentially on the engagement of civil society. After the ending of armed conflicts civil society is the central actor in civil-rebuilding. Especially in Kosovo, a further strengthening of civil society potentials is necessary. Bringing people together and by this pushing the reconciliation process forward, has to be carried out by people on the ground. For this reason the project of Crisp e.V. shows a successful approach for the strengthening of civil society potentials and by this promotes the aim of a non-violent conflict culture. I think using a simulation-game as a method to achieve this goal, is as innovative as it is promising.



Simulation-games can support a differentiated interethnic dialogue, because they offer a change of perspective and therefore lead to an examination of own prejudices. For this reason they can help to reduce fears and to promote the empathy-skills on both sides of the conflict. Furthermore simulation-games are stimulating the participant capabilities of strategic action. Potential partners on other levels can be better identified. Strengthening the individual capabilities of the participants and the adoption of a strategic perspective finally present the basis for the development of peace alliances.

Because of this, I am convinced that the project of Crisp will make a good contribution for the strengthening of civil society structures in Kosovo. I wish good luck to the association and would further on welcome if others would support the project as well.

Best regards,

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