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## Foreword from PATRIR's Council of Directors – *Supporting Peace in a Troubled World*

2016 was a troubled time in our world. For those of us working in the field of peacebuilding those troubles have been particularly evident. From the crisis of governance and responsibility leading to the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in the Mediterranean to the wars in Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen and elsewhere in the world, the need for *evolving* our capacity as individuals, communities and as a species to deal with the conflicts and the challenges facing us has never been greater.

Through this year PATRIR has expanded our efforts and engagement in peacebuilding and working to strengthen capabilities for peace in communities and countries affected by armed conflict and violence and here at home in Romania. We have launched a major mapping process to understand the root causes and drivers of social and values based conflicts in Romania, supported review of lessons learned from peacebuilding efforts in Israel-Palestine, engaged in one of our largest ever field-based programmes working with local partners, the Nineveh Provincial Council, Local Authorities and others in the *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project supported by UNDP Iraq, expanded our efforts to support local and national expertise and professionals in Syria dealing with the myriad of crisis and challenges facing that country and preparing for handling the extraordinary difficulties that will come with future rebuilding and eventual transition from war to peace, and much more. In Nigeria we are working to support Search for Common Ground and their vital efforts to strengthen early warning and prevention while jointly organising multi-stakeholder processes bringing together state, civil society and international partners working on early warning to create a national platform and working group. In Libya, upon invitation from VNG – the Dutch Association of Municipalities – we are engaging with municipal leaders, professionals, civil society organisations, women, youth, and others to support *sub-national peace processes* and mediation and to ensure *Libyan* ownership of these processes. At home in Romania we are redoubling our efforts to introduce peace education and peace clubs into schools, to support initiatives to promote a culture and practice of peace in the society, and to achieve meaningful impact to improve the quality – and peacefulness – of people's lives. Throughout it all, PATRIR puts its *people-centred* approach to peacebuilding at the heart of our work – a commitment to ensuring the those most affected by conflicts and violence *own* and have the capacities themselves to lead their transformation. As part of this effort we have been thrilled to work together with partners from all over the world and an amazing team of dedicated volunteers to organise the first ever *Global Youth Rising International Youth Peace Forum* bringing together young peace activists and practitioners from around the world to learn, share, inspire, and gain courage and confidence together to *be the change we need to see in the world*.

At PATRIR, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to work in our own community and around the world with some of the most inspiring, courageous, passionate and wonderful people we could imagine – from the children and youth here in Cluj involved in our peace education programmes, to our extraordinary partners and friends in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Nigeria, Armenia, Israel-Palestine, Egypt, Ukraine, Moldova-Transdnistria and elsewhere. This is a challenging, and troubled moment in the world. A moment when what is needed is not to lose faith or curse the darkness, but to unite together, to redouble our efforts, and light a million candles – *to transform the way the world deals with conflicts*. For all of our partners and friends in 2016 and to those who are engaging for peace-building and to help improve the lives of our communities around the world: thank you. 2016 has been a year of tremendous effort and engagement – one in which the need for what the Institute is doing and our commit to work for peace has been solidified, strengthened and rededicated.



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## PATRIR: A Global Peace Institute from Cluj-Napoca

Since its foundation in 2001, the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) has become one of the world's leading centres for the support of peacebuilding and peace operations in communities and countries affected by conflict, training and capacity building for practitioners and experts in the field, and promotion of peace education through both formal and non-formal programmes. As the first international organisation in Romania's history, we are proud of our role combining engagement for positive change and impact on our community here at home in Cluj-Napoca - Kolozsvár - Klausenburg, nationally in Romania, and internationally in cooperation with partners in governments, the United Nations, and local, national and international organisations. PATRIR implements its through three Departments:

The **International Peace and Development Training Centre (IDPTC)**: providing programmes at the Global Academy in Cluj, Executive Leadership Programmes in London, and custom-designed field-based trainings for governments, missions, agencies and organisations in peace building, violence prevention, mediation and peace processes, and post-war recovery, reconciliation and healing. IDPTC works to support agencies and practitioners in the field to have the skills, capabilities and support they need to achieve a meaningful impact on the ground, and to strengthen the ownership and capacities of local and national partners.

The **Department of Peace Operations (DPO)**: working upon request from conflict parties and local, national, and international organisations and agencies to support violence prevention, peacebuilding, mediation, and post-war recovery through peacebuilding and peace support operations. The mission of the DPO is to strengthen capacities and infrastructures for peace operations, to gather best-practices and lessons learnt, to improve the quality and effectiveness of peacebuilding programmes in conflict affected countries, and support on-going mediation and peace processes around the world, including in 2016 in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Nepal, Nigeria, Armenia, Crimea-Ukraine and elsewhere.

The **Department for Education for Peace and Development (DEPD)**: the platform through which PATRIR engages in peace education programs in schools and in the community of Cluj-Napoca and with partners internationally. The mission of the DEPD is ensure the integration of peace education into formal and non-formal schooling and in the community more broadly - to work for a world in which people share the recognition that their attitudes and behaviours are decisive in resolving conflicts, preventing violence and waging peace. A world in which they can and do act upon that recognition.

## VISION

PATRIR is committed to a world in which conflicts are transformed constructively, through peaceful means in which individuals, communities, countries and local, national, regional and international organisations and actors are empowered to address conflicts effectively, and work together to do so.

PATRIR works for a world in which the human rights, freedoms and the dignity of all people are protected, celebrated, and realised, in which state and social, economic, legal and political systems respect both the individual and the community, in which men and women have equal opportunity and rights, and in which all generations, cultures and peoples are respected and valued as vital.

PATRIR's vision is of a world in which peace becomes the norm, democracy the foundation of healthy societies, respect for human dignity and celebration of multiculturalism and diversity the basis of our interactions, and people and citizens are active in being the change we want to see in the world.

## MISSION

To transform the way the world deals with conflicts, working from the local to the global levels in partnership with communities, countries, and national and international organisations to make peace-building and the constructive transformation of conflicts the basis for sustainable peace.

To use the full spectrum of PATRIR's operational capabilities from research to training, direct engagement, peace operations, awareness raising, mobilisation, youth programs and peace education, and building of multi stakeholder partnerships and alliances to prevent violence, build collaborative spaces and initiatives to address conflicts constructively, and strengthen the development of effective, sustainable and standing infrastructure and capabilities for peace within each community and country and at the regional and global levels.

To mobilise and engage citizens, governments, and national and international organisations to work actively individually and together to overcome all forms of direct, structural and cultural violence, and to join together to build direct, structural and cultural peace.

## Department of Peace Operations (DPO)

### 2016 At a Glance: DPO

In 2016 Department of Peace Operations (DPO) developed some of our largest programming to-date in Iraq, Syria and Libya and worked to develop a comprehensive programme for supporting peace-building and local and national peace capacities across the MENA region. The Department consolidated and significantly developed a major programme line addressing radicalisation and violent extremism, a substantial engagement in Egypt providing technical assistance for development and civic education, and launched a major programme in support of Search for Common Ground Nigeria and other partners in Nigeria on early warning, peacebuilding and prevention. DPO support was provided more broadly through extended consultations and organisation and policy development support for governments and national and international organisations to improve their effectiveness and impact for peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

### Syria Country Programme: Supporting Syrian Capacities and Ownership

The aim of the Syria Country Programme is to address, support and facilitate post-war transition processes at community-level in Syria and to support Syrian professionals to become key actors in their field of expertise and actively contribute to the long-term transition and recovery process in the country. PATRIR is working on strengthening local communities and civil society's capacities to cope with the challenging and conflict affected environment in the country and region. The **overall objective** of PATRIR's Syria Country Programme is to support the transition process towards a peaceful, democratic and inclusive Syria. The more **specific objective** is to focus on empowering committed, skilled Syrian professionals – including in-country, exile and returnee citizens – to become key actors in their field of expertise and actively contribute to the peacebuilding process in their country – ensuring ownership by Syrian communities and actors. PATRIR works to support key actors in communities in their active role in the current Syrian context, and facilitate the improvement of local Syrian professional's skills to better cope with in-war and (eventual) post-war transition challenges. The project will continue through 2017 and beyond, with extensive training, capacity building support, and on-the-ground engagement with Syrian partners and stakeholders.

### Nineveh Paths to Peace: Supporting People Building Peace in the Midst of War

In 2015 PATRIR developed the *Nineveh Paths to Peace Project* upon request from and with the support of UNDP Iraq. PATRIR's engagement in peacebuilding support in Iraq stretches back to 2003. The *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project has been one of the most important and significant in PATRIR's history. The project involved working with dedicated organisations in Nineveh, local authorities, the Nineveh Provincial Council, religious leaders, journalists, women's organisations, youth organisations and more to support, strengthen and develop direct local ownership and engagement of peacebuilding, reconciliation and peace consolidation efforts in Nineveh, including in areas continuing under ISIS occupation and in areas formerly under ISIS. The extraordinary richness of the *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project has come from the courage, dedication, passion and commitment of the people of Nineveh and the courageous members of the *Nineveh Peace Teams*, including civil society activists, survivors, IDPs, local authorities and more. Those most affected by the war, violence and displacement have been those leading engagement to heal and reach out across communities. *Nineveh Paths to Peace* combined: direct training and capacity building with support from IPDTC, micro-financing and direct support to local community-based peacebuilding interventions and initiatives, development of youth peace teams and youth peace centres, creation by survivors and women activists across Nineveh of the *Nineveh Women's Peace Alliance*, creation of the Nineveh Peace Council

by the Nineveh Provincial Council, and much more. A film, *Heroes of Nineveh* was made of the programme, and in March 2016 PATRIR DPO together with national and international partners in Nineveh organised the First *Nineveh International Forum* on Peace and Recovery. In June 2016, Bashar Al-Kiki, President of the Nineveh Provincial Council, was awarded the Luxembourg International Peace Prize for his support for the project and efforts to foster inclusive peace in Nineveh. PATRIR wishes to express special thanks to all of our partners in Nineveh, to the people of Nineveh, the Local Authorities of Sinuni, Wana, Rabia and Zumar, the Nineveh Provincial Council, to all of our civil society partners and friends from and in Nineveh, and to UNDP Iraq.

### **Nigeria: A Partnership with Search for Common Ground Nigeria to Support Early Warning, Peacebuilding and Prevention**

In 2016 PATRIR was invited by *Search for Common Ground - Nigeria* to provide technical assistance, training and support to their early warning, prevention and peacebuilding programming. This included a 4-day customised *Designing Peacebuilding Programmes (DPP)* training for Search staff in Nigeria and local and national partners. This was combined with coaching, technical assistance and support for the development, design and planning of early warning and peacebuilding programmes. During the 2016 country mission *Search for Common Ground* together with the *Department of Peace Operations* organised the first *multi-stakeholder joint strategic planning and review process* bringing together institutions and agencies of the national government, armed forces, local, national and international organisations and agencies, think tanks and governments to facilitate joint evaluation, review and identification of lessons on early warning, prevention and peacebuilding in Nigeria together with identification of recommendations to improve collaboration and the quality, effectiveness and impact of prevention programming in the country. DPO's peace support programme for Nigeria will continue in cooperation with Search through 2017, including organising further Multi-Stakeholder Planning Processes and supporting development of a national working group on early warning, prevention and peacebuilding in Nigeria.

### **Libya: Strengthening Sub-National Peace Processes & Municipal Peace Initiatives**

PATRIR's Libya Country Program has been developing since 2014 with the aim of strengthening and supporting *Libyan* local and national capacities and ownership for peacebuilding, reconciliation, healing and ending the war in the country. In 2016 Associates of the Department of Peace Operations were invited by the Association of Dutch Municipalities (VNG) to provide training and peacebuilding expertise and support to their *Libya Local Governance and Stabilisation Project*, funded by the EU and Dutch government and implemented by VNG International in partnership with the Centre for Innovation and Local Governance (CILG) in Tunisia. The programme focuses on development of mediation capacities and *sub-national peace processes*, engaging specifically with local municipal authorities, Libyan experts and professionals, civil society organisations, women and youth organisations and practitioners, local stakeholders and current and former combatants. The programme takes an innovative approach looking at how to support the development of *sub-national peace processes* where actors directly affected by and involved in conflicts at the intra- and inter-community level engage through mediation and a range of peacebuilding interventions to bring about local agreements and end fighting and violence at the local level. Trainings and capacity building support are combined with direct interventions by local municipal authorities and stakeholders to bring about agreement between disputing parties. Strong focus is on the ownership of the processes by Libyan actors, and *linking together* those working within municipalities and communities for mutual support and doing



more together than can be done apart. The programme will continue through 2017 with the development of a customised handbook for mediation and support to local peace processes in the Libyan context together with the organisation of a Libyan International Peace Forum to bring together local, national and international actors involved in *sub-national peace processes* in Libya. PATRIR would like to thank all our partners in Libya together with CILG and VNG, and looks forward to the work we will do further together.

### Enhancing the Sustainability of Development Work in Egypt & Technical Assistance for Development and Civic Education in Egypt (4E)

The project Technical Assistance for Development and Civic Education in Egypt (4E) continued in 2016 to contribute to the expansion of sustainable initiatives in the field of development education and youth work in Egypt. By reaching out to Egyptian alliances, organisations and professional that are active in various areas of development education and youth work, the project aimed to highlight the needs and achievements of these fields in the country. Furthermore, the project promoted a set of recommendations targeting the impact creation capacity of existing and planned projects of the thematic and activity area, and it helped to improve impact in designing and implementing community-based educational programs. The project, which started in October of 2015 and finished in September 2016, provided 3 training programmes on situation analysis, negotiation analysis and impact leadership in conflict traps. The total numbers of individuals who participated on these trainings was 56, including 47 young journalists. The 4Eproject was then followed up later in 2016 with the Creation of Context Sensitive Social Enterprises (4EST) project. The main aim of the project is the development of a core group of Egyptian social enterprises, NGOs and supporting incubators / hubs with the capacity of designing projects with a higher degree of sustainable social impact, through enhancing their community, project and organizational context sensitivity. To this end, the project is: i) implementing a series of mapping and measuring activities, through which to assess the context sensitivity profile of selected project fellows, ii) designing and implementing a series of intensive training programs, and iii) taking the selected project fellows through a set of tasks, which will enhance their hand-on skills in context sensitive project development. The project supports the project fellows and its larger target group by i) developing a user-friendly Context Sensitivity Measuring Tool; b) developing a short handbook of how to design context sensitive community projects for social enterprises, and ii) a whiteboard animation video raising awareness of the need for and importance of context sensitive social enterprises and NGOs. For more information on the project and its outputs please visit: <http://patrir.ro/en/activitatea-noastra/dpo/raising-sustainability-development-work-egypt-creation-context-sensitive-social-enterprises-4est/>

### Reviving the Peace Process: The Role of CSOs - Opportunities, Challenges and Pathways to Peace – Jerusalem

Organized in the framework of the EU's Peacebuilding Initiative supporting the role of civil society in resolving the conflict and bringing about sustainable peace, the event brought together Directors of Israeli and Palestinian Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to foster a private discussion on key challenges, potential opportunities and the role CSOs could play in effectively reviving the peace process. The discussion, review of lessons identified from past efforts, and exploration of lessons from peace processes elsewhere, was facilitated by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO). This was followed by a networking dinner with the participation of the EU Heads of Delegations (Jerusalem and Tel Aviv) and of the representatives of Council of the European Union EU Council's Mashreq/Maghreb Working Party (MaMa).

## Addressing Radicalisation & Violent Extremism through Peacebuilding & Evidence-Based Approaches

Over the last several years PATRIR has been increasing its engagement in addressing radicalisation and violent extremism through peacebuilding and evidence-based approaches. This has included direct country-based programming in communities affected by war and armed conflict, and working to strengthen collaboration and partnership amongst international organisations in the field. Following on the 2015 forum of civil society organisations from across the MENA region and European partners, in 2016 PATRIR worked to strengthen our team, bringing on additional researchers and developing long-term plans as part of *Impact 2021* strategic planning process. PATRIR sees the development of *evidence-based programming* and improving upstream prevention, addressing root causes and conditions, comprehensive approaches, and joined-up efforts linking government, civil society and community actors as essential to reducing violent extremism. Importantly, PATRIR's approach to violent extremism includes addressing actions and policies of both state and non-state actors.

### TAKEDOWN: Identify, Prevent, Respond

The TAKEDOWN project is a large consortium, major project begun in 2016 and running through 2019. Funded by the European Commission under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovative Programme - addressing Organised Crime and Terrorist Networks, the project has been developed by a leading consortium of universities, think tanks, ministries and law enforcement agencies and institutions across Europe. The purpose of the project is to develop approaches and tools that can be employed by policy-makers, law enforcement agencies, first-line practitioners and other relevant stakeholders to prevent and counter Organised Crime and Terrorism at national and European levels. PATRIR is a member of the consortium and has been involved since its beginning in September 2016. Following an evidence-based approach, TAKEDOWN aims to support improved understanding of OC/TN and support more efficient and effective prevention and response on OC/TN. The project includes extensive interviews with policy makers and experts across Europe, Focus Groups with Law Enforcement Agencies and Practitioner Organisations, Workshops with technical solution providers, a major EU-wide online survey, and development of an online platform for practitioners and law enforcement agencies with access to third-party service providers, toolkits, handbooks and a *Library of Practice*.

### European Network for Non-violence and Dialogue (ENND) and Romania Social and Value-based Conflicts (RSVC) Research Programme

In this project PATRIR works directly with partners from Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Germany addressing and combatting radicalisation. The project started in June 2016 with a clear focus on society and its individuals - seeking solutions through dialogue and mobilising local, national and European capabilities to address the emergence of non-/anti-democratic values. The first phase of the project consists of mapping social and values-based conflicts within participating countries which have the potential to escalate to a) violent clashes and/or other direct forms of violence; b) increase polarisation of society or c) intensify radicalisation and social divisions. This phase, which runs through to June 2017, will prepare a body of knowledge and a research plan for a more comprehensive study of the root causes of radicalisation, nationalism and xenophobia in Romania and 6 other CEE/European countries. A second component is the focus on identifying civic initiatives within each country using nonviolence and dialogue, and to collect good practice lessons and experiences. One of the project's ultimate goals is the strengthening of a network of organizations and civic initiatives working through nonviolence and dialogue to improve social well-being and overcome radicalisation, violent extremism and anti-democratic tendencies increasingly visible in many countries in Europe.

## World Peace Forum: Connecting Peacemakers

Since 2015 the Department of Peace Operations has been assisting the World Peace Forum and Schengen Peace Foundation to develop the Luxembourg International Peace Prize as an important prize and recognition of extraordinary efforts in the field of peacebuilding. Upon recommendation from PATRIR the range of prizes provided by the LPP has expanded and now includes prizes for: outstanding peace activists; outstanding peace organisation; outstanding women contributing to peace; youth peace activist; peace education; peace journalism; most significant support for peacebuilding and peace processes; peace process that has achieved the most significant progress; business and peace; ICT and peace. DPO has provided strategic planning, workshops facilitation, and technical assistance as the WPF and Schengen Peace Foundation work to develop the Peace Prize as one of the world's leading platforms for the recognition and visibility of key contributions to peace.

## Department for Education for Peace and Development (DEPD)

### 2016 *At a Glance*: DEPD

The Department of Education for Peace & Development (DEPD) was established in 2010 from the initial Youth Peacebuilding Centre. It offers programmes in schools, organises public awareness campaigns, courses at universities, human rights film nights and public discussions. The major programme lines of DEPD are (i) participatory democracy and civic engagement, (ii) development education and awareness raising and (iii) promotion of multiculturalism and combating discrimination. In 2016 DEPD continued our work with peace education clubs in schools, development of peace education curricula and materials, and collaboration with European and international partners to improve youth impact in peacebuilding.

### EduPeace Club

Together with a team of dedicated teachers and volunteers PATRIR finalised in 2016 the project that brought to life the EduPeace Club. The main aim was to create a space where school children from Nicolae Iorga Middle School, situated in an area of the city where extracurricular activities are harder to come by, could improve their communication skills and civic responsibilities. The need for the project and such a space came in the context of a neighbourhood with a high risk of dropout and absenteeism that later lead to social exclusion. During the mediation classes students evaluated conflictual situations, discussed solutions guided by the teachers in the context in which they were acquainted with causes of violence, types of conflict and methods to deal with a conflict. Theatre education proved to influence the level of empathy and stimulating the imagination, while sports developed the sense of belonging, especially during competitions, equally the team spirit, attention to detail and focus. The project culminated with an art production entailing many of the abilities that children acquired during the year at the Club. Based on the results of the project the team at PATRIR will continue to strive for the introduction of peace education to be mainstream teachers training as well as in schools. The Club continues to exist and PATRIR will work to strengthen sustainably and scaling of the peace clubs in Cluj and nationally across Romania.

### Learning Peace

A pilot phase of the Learning Peace Project was introduced by PATRIR in cooperation with the National College "George Cosbuc" in Cluj-Napoca in September 2016. In the first semester of the 2016/17 school year, eight different classes in the grades five to seven had 45 minutes of peace education lessons every week. A curriculum on peace education was developed within the project and lessons were taught in German by Konstantin Zagel, one of PATRIR's peace educators. The curriculum consists of a total of eleven lessons which cover topics such as 'Peace and Violence', 'Nonviolent Communication', 'Working as a Team', 'Bullying', 'Children's Rights' and 'Environmental Protection'.

In order to evaluate the program, 107 students were handed questionnaires. 84% of the students enjoyed the lessons and 74% also enjoyed the methodology. None of the students said that they didn't like the lessons at all. To evaluate what the children had learnt about violence and peace, they were asked to define what the two words meant for them. About 37% of the students mentioned that for them, peace is the absence of war, violence and fights which according to Johann Galtung could be defined as 'negative peace', while 41% of the children gave the answer that peace for them is not only the absence of violence but also the substitution of violence with different values like friendship, freedom of choice, inclusiveness and their family. 60% of the students also said that their opinion on violence and peace has changed during the lessons

When the teachers were asked about whether they perceived a change in the behaviour of their students they mentioned that the communication skills of her students had improved due to the group works and other activities in which they had to work together. They have noticed that even the behaviour of the students towards each other didn't change much, the behaviour they had towards teachers changed a lot. All of the teachers mentioned that they think these types of programs are important and that they should continue. They said that topics which should be covered in future peace education lessons are tolerance, accepting others although they're different, violence prevention, violence in media and conflict resolution.

### Youth Impact

Youth Impact: Strengthening Organisational Capacities to Build Peace in Europe, is a partnership of the International Secretariat of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders - UNOY (the Netherlands) in partnership with five of its European members, including PATRIR, focusing on Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) practices within youth peacebuilding organisations. A research team composed of one person from each organisation as well as an external lead researcher worked together on this project until its final conclusion in June 2016. During the 16 months the project lasted, the team aimed to strengthen the capacities of youth organisations working on peace education in the areas of strategic development and organisational management to foster quality improvements in youth work in general, and youth peace education and to promote young people's active citizenship at European level in accordance to the EU Youth Strategy 2010 - 2018.

## International Peace & Development Training Centre (IPDTC)

### 2016 At a Glance: IPDTC

2016 was a major year for IPDTC with active engagement in the UNDP-supported *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project, organising the first International Youth Peace Forum *Global Youth Rising*, providing a series of trainings in the field of peace education, continuing cooperation with ForumZFD, the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romanian Ministry of Defence, RoAid, UNDP Romania and others, and providing the IPDTC's *Designing Peacebuilding Programmes* training at the Global Academy. Since its foundation, IPDTC has provided on-request trainings in over 40 countries to more than 3000 senior experts, practitioners, policy makers, government decision-makers and UN staff. During the year 2016, PATRIR delivered trainings in Iraq, Tunisia, Nigeria, Germany, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Armenia, Ukraine and Romania.

### Iraq: Supporting Nineveh Peace Teams and Nineveh Paths to Peace

In 2015 and 2016 IPDTC was engaged in an intensive programme of training, capacity building and support for peacebuilding and civic organisations, local authorities, traditional and religious leaders, youth, women's organisations, and the Provincial Council in Nineveh, Iraq – one of the areas worst affected by the war and ISIS expansion. PATRIR's engagement overall was supported by UNDP and implemented in partnership with national and local actors. Trainings provided in 2016 included:

- Women Peacemakers Training
- Youth Peacebuilding Training
- Mediation & Dialogue Facilitation for Community Leaders
- Training for the Nineveh Peace Council on the Role of Peace Councils and Authorities in Peacebuilding, Reconciliation and Peace Consolidation
- Reconciliation, Healing & Restorative Justice

In addition to the trainings led by IPDTC Trainers and Associates IPDTC provided support for local partners developing multiplier trainings for: women in peacebuilding; youth peacebuilding peace journalism; dialogue and mediation; trauma recovery and healing. IPDTC wishes to express our deep support and profound respect and thanks for our amazing partners in Nineveh and the work they continue to do for their communities and country, and to UNDP Iraq for their support for the project.

### Libya: Strengthening Capacities of Libyan Municipal Authorities & Stakeholders

In the context of the *Libya Local Governance and Stabilisation Project* run by the Association of Dutch Municipalities (VNG) in partnership with the Centre for Innovation and Local Governance (CILG) in Tunisia and funded by the EU and Dutch government, IPDTC trainers from Libya, Germany and Norway provided trainings on mediation techniques, crisis management and peacekeeping for representatives of Libyan municipalities, civil society organisations, Libyan professionals, women and youth leaders, and individuals with ties to armed groups. The series of trainings – together with development of local resource materials – are intended to strengthen effective capacity of local municipalities and stakeholders in Libya to support mediation of specific conflicts and subnational peace processes. See more on PATRIR's Libya Country Programme below.

### Designing Peacebuilding Programmes – IPDTC Global Academy

From May 16 – 20 2016 IPDTC organised the 5-days *Designing Peacebuilding Programmes* Advanced Certificate Programme. Participants came from governments, UN missions and agencies, and national and international organisations including Oxfam International, Norwegian People's

Aid, Women's Development Organisation and more. The programme addressed peacebuilding programmes in Iraq, Syria, Armenia, and Nepal, and strengthening local and national ownership and capacities for peace.

### Academy for Conflict Transformation Forum ZFD

In 2016 PATRIR continued its long-standing cooperation with the Bonn-based ForumZFD for delivery of training support for its full-time certificate programme in Peace and Conflict Work with the "*Designing Peacebuilding Programmes*" intensive training. The collaboration between the Academy and PATRIR has deepened throughout the years, and in 2016 PATRIR delivered more than 10 DPP programmes to over 150 participants, many of them serving as part of the German Civil Peace Service teams. *Designing Peacebuilding Programmes*, one of PATRIR's most requested trainings globally, is based upon a practical, step-by-step approach to project and programme design drawing upon extensive experience and lessons learned from implementation on the ground. PATRIR has created and delivered the DPP for several organisations, agencies and missions around the world. The training and introduces participants to critical skills, knowledge and practical steps for designing peacebuilding programmes and initiatives, with focus on improving actual impact on the ground, integrating peacebuilding- and conflict-sensitive specific elements, and improving the quality and sustainable of change. Participants acquire understanding of different options and approaches to design and have a chance to apply and critically analyse the appropriateness and effectiveness of different tools for their exact needs and contexts.

### Strategically Effective Approaches to Address Deeply Divided Conflicts

In October 2016 IPDTC contributed to the joint programme organised by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNDP Romania, RoAid and the Romanian Ministry of Defence 5-day programme on crisis management and transition for government officials from across the Middle East, North Africa and Black Sea Region. IPDTC's contribution addressed *mediation and strategically effective approaches to address deeply divided conflicts* to assist governments in identification, development and assessing of strategic options and effectiveness for addressing conflicts in their countries and regionally. The programme received superb support from state, diplomatic and military participants and organisers.

### Training Course Peace+ Building a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

This program took place in Baexem, The Netherlands, between the 20th and 27th of August. It was designed for youth workers to acquire knowledge and professional skills in nonviolence and peace-building, so that they can integrate these in their work. The training focused on four main areas: self-awareness, conflict management, conflict analysis and sensitivity to cultural and gender differences. Working on empowerment and constant references to the culture of peace as aim and ideal, the course supported the participants in the process of understanding their own ways to deal with violence/conflict and to find the best interpersonal practices to manage/resolve conflict. At the same time, the course incorporated conversations aiming to analyse social trends and develop responses, and increase cultural sensitivity and gender awareness. The training provided a space for counter radicalisation of youth by letting them experience and understand 'positive peace' (valuing diversity and establish respect in community building), structural and cultural violence, meaning they challenge and deconstructing prejudices and get a birds-eye perspective on how different social problems are inter-connected in systems of violence. PATRIR developed this training alongside partners from 9

different countries, which favoured the facilitation of intercultural understanding and cooperation as well as synergy in the field of youth work.

### Creating a Peace Education Platform – Armenia

In June of 2016 PATRIR provided a 3-day facilitated training, strategic planning and capacity building programme for Women for Development Armenia and the Foundation for Tolerance International Kyrgyzstan. The programme focused on facilitated support for strategic planning for project development and the creation of a regional platform for exchanging and sharing lessons identified and good practices, resources, and joint project initiatives on peace education. PATRIR was thrilled to work with these two fantastic organisations and contribute to their continuing efforts to strengthen networks, improve collaboration and introduce quality peace education to schools and communities across the region.

### Multilingual Education Training on Curricula Development – Ukraine

Part of PATRIR's multi-year engagement *Crimea Policy Dialogue* (CPD) in Ukraine, the multilingual education development model generated through the project was used as a basis by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine for the development of multilingual education methodology for multilingual regions of Ukraine: Transcarpathia, Odessa and Chernivtsi. Following a set of consultations, trainings and policy drafting, a full year curricular planning was developed by the participants during the training course for teachers in February 2016. These curricula were to be applied in the 2016-2017 school year also using the material base that was provided to the participating schools. Our ambition is that multilingual education provides a platform for dialogue and peace-building in the region as well as an innovative and modern educational experience.

### Global Youth Rising International Youth Peace Forum

The *Global Youth Rising International Youth Peace Forum* was a major event in PATRIR's commitment to supporting the leadership, empowerment, and engagement of youth in peacebuilding and working to implement UNSC Resolution 2250 on Youth and Peacebuilding. Organized in the Romanian Carpathian Alps, the programme was a joint initiative of 16 international peace organisations and youth initiatives including: PAX / The Activist Hive; Peace Revolution; International Association for Human Values (IAHV); United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY); UN Volunteers; Fundació Catalunya Voluntària ; Building Bridges for Peace; National Peace Academy; International Youth Council; War Prevention Initiative; World Peace Forum; Peace and Collaborative Development Network; Search for Common Ground; Transconflict; World Vision International and #WeUnify. PATRIR would like to express our deep thanks and profound appreciation to our amazing partners and the trainers, activists and practitioners that made this event such an inspiring and incredible success!

The Forum was held from 10th-20th July 2016 with 70 participants from around the world. The main purpose of the Forum was to connect, inspire and engage youth peace workers in learning and sharing from each other's experiences; improving practical skills, knowledge, confidence and the ability to engage in peacebuilding within our communities and internationally; and to weave together a community of youth working to achieve a real impact in their countries and in the world. Additional focus was placed on addressing the challenges of violent extremism and authoritarianism by states and non-state actors and responding to the continuing wars in Iraq, Syria, Libya and Yemen and working to strengthen international solidarity and support for peace workers and people



in these countries. During the Forum, many participants learnt and filmed choreography for Break the Chain, the dance for One Billion Rising. Additionally, participants took part in a solidarity video for Black Lives Matter. Finally, countless new personal and professional networks were created that resulted in collaboration on several levels. The next International Youth Peace Forum, the *Our Future Global Forum*, will be organized in the summer of 2018.

### PeaceTraining.EU – Improving Prevention & Peacebuilding Training Capacities

PeaceTraining.EU is a major and pioneering project supported by the H2020 funding line of the European Commission. Bringing together 12 partners from across Europe the project consortium includes some of Europe's leading training academies, universities, government ministries and peace-building organisations. The aim of the project is to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the current state of practice, curricula and materials in training for peacebuilding and prevention in Europe – including by governments, armed forces, companies, training academies and institutions, and non-governmental organisations. In 2016 the project reviewed current curricula and programmes available in Europe, training providers, and analysis of current training methodologies and approaches, as well as interviews with trainers, deployment agencies and practitioners across Europe. In 2017 the project will produce a comprehensive report on the state of Peace Training in Europe and develop publications on novel and innovative methods; mission-specific sub-curricula; stakeholder specific concept notes; a European CPPB Training Curricula Compendium, and strategies and action plans for improving the state of peace training, preparation and professional development in Europe. The project will also include a series of workshops and co-creation events across Europe and as online webinars. Partners in PeaceTraining.EU include: SYNYO, the Institute for Conflict Research, the Kosovar Centre for Security Studies, Coventry University, University of Marburg, Baltic Defence College, BMI, Catholic University of Leuven, ARGE, World Mediation Organisation and PATRIR.

## Peacebuilding Resources: Publications & Films

### Films, Videos & Documentaries

#### Heroes of Nineveh – Arabic & English

A riveting and powerful documentary produced by RDO and funded by UNDP Iraq in the context of the *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project led by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) of PATRIR. The video, in Arabic and English, follows the story of the heroes of Nineveh – survivors, citizens, civil society organisations, women, youth, religious leaders, local authorities, and the Nineveh Peace Council – working to build peace, end violence, and lay the seeds for reconciliation and healing in the midst of on-going violence and war in Nineveh in 2016.

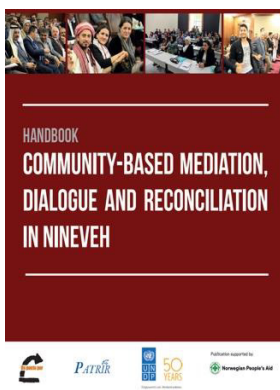
#### TEDx: In Pursuit of Peace – English

A tour de force and global overview of the field of peacebuilding, the myths of war, and what is being done by local initiatives to international organisations to overcome war, prevent violence, and make peacebuilding real, realistic and practical, by Kai Brand-Jacobsen, one of the founders of PATRIR and Director of the Department of Peace Operations (DPO).

#### Multilingual Education in Ukraine – Romanian

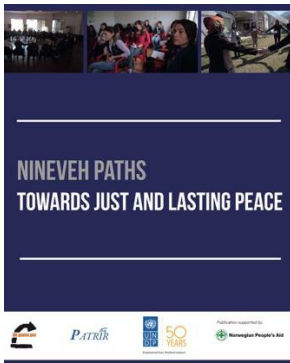
A documentary produced in close collaboration with Maria Ci-nar Ciga of TVR, Romania's national television channel.

### Publications, Handbooks & Reports

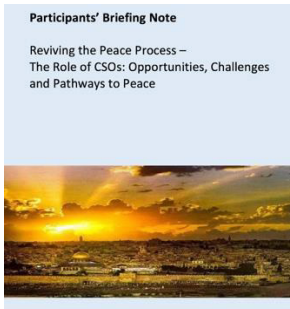


#### Community-Based Mediation, Dialogue & Reconciliation in Nineveh (Handbook) – English & Arabic

Written by Kai Brand-Jacobsen, Director of the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and head of the UNDP-supported *Nineveh Paths to Peace* project in Nineveh Iraq, the Handbook addresses **community-based mediation, dialogue & reconciliation** in Nineveh. Intended to support the Nineveh Provincial Council, Local Authorities, and civil society organisations and community leaders in Nineveh working for reconciliation, healing, social inclusion, and prevention of further violence and conflict, the handbook is available in both English and Arabic. Publication of the Handbook was supported by UNDP, PATRIRDPO, Norwegian People's Aid and Un Ponte Per (UPP).

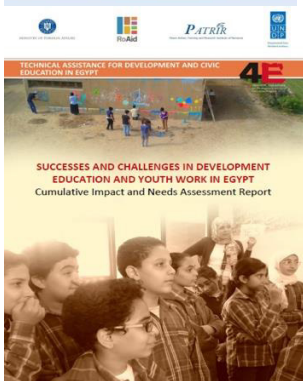


**Nineveh Paths Towards Just & Lasting Peace – English & Arabic**  
*Nineveh Paths Towards Just and Lasting Peace* presents the conclusions and findings of the first ever Nineveh International Forum on Peace & Recovery. Held in March 2016 the Forum provided the first platform bringing together local authorities, provincial council, local, national and international organisations and agencies, donors, and foreign missions to listen to the voices and people of Nineveh, share lessons and experiences, identify recommendations and proposals and work to improve strategic planning, commitment to, and practical programming for peacebuilding, social inclusion, recovery and reconciliation in Nineveh. Publication was supported by UNDP, PATRIR-DPO, Norwegian People's Aid and Un Ponte Per (UPP).



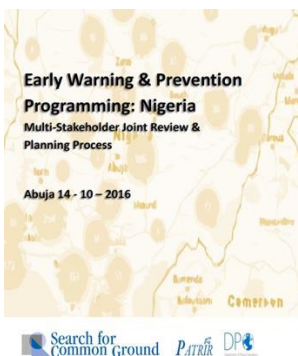
**Reviving the Peace Process – The Role of CSOs: Opportunities, Challenges and Pathways to Peace – English**

*Reviving the Peace Process* was published as an internal briefing note for participants in the European Commission supported event by the same name, organized by the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce and facilitated by the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) of PATRIR.



**Successes and Challenges in Development Education and Youth Work in Egypt. Cumulative Impact and Needs Assessment Report – English**

The cumulative impact and needs assessment on *successes and challenges in development education and youth work in Egypt* brings together the results and key findings of the 4E project and lessons, needs and recommendations identified by participants and stakeholders. The publication provides a baseline assessment resulting from a rigorous, multi-stakeholder consultation and feed-back process. Publication was supported by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from its Official Development Assistance (RoAid) budget in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – Regional Centre for Europe and CIS.



**Early Warning & Prevention Programming: Nigeria – English**  
 The report of the *Multi-Stakeholder Joint Review & Planning Process* involving 19 government, non-government, local, national and international agencies, donors and security forces review of early warning, peacebuilding and prevention programmes in Nigeria. The first event of its kind the report provides key conclusions and recommendations for next steps. Publication was supported by Search for Common Ground Nigeria and the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) of PATRIR.



## Discursul instigator la ură din mediul politic din România și Re-publica Moldova – Analiza – Romanian

Written by Irina Corobcenco, Dr. Irina Drexler, and Dr. Zsuzsanna Kacsó and published by Promo-LEX and PATRIR the publication analyzed hate speech in the political arena during the Presidential electoral campaigns in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

Publication was supported by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from its Official Development Assistance (RoAid) budget in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Regional Centre for Europe and CIS.

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- National Peace Academy
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- Nicolae Iorga Middle School
- Nineveh Provincial Council
- Nonviolence Education and Research Center (Turkey)
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## Financial Reporting 2016

	01.01.2016	31.12.2016
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
STOCKS	0	85
BANK AND CASH	386.774	397.253
RECEIVABLES	5.890	34.187
PREPAID EXPANSES	0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>392.664</b>	<b>431.525</b>
<b>NON CURENT ASSETS</b>		
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	553	0
FIXED ASSETS	360	180
OTHER LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	157	157
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1.070</b>	<b>337</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>393.734</b>	<b>431.862</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
UNRESTRICTED FUND	31.786	49.044
RESTRICTED FUNDS	301.652	330.878
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>333.438</b>	<b>379.922</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
LIABILITIES TO SUPPLIERS	754	1.582
TAX LIABILITIES	0	27.797
OTHERS LIABILITIES	59.542	22.561
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>60.296</b>	<b>51.940</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>393.734</b>	<b>431.862</b>

	31.12.2016
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Contributions	
Donation	164.949
Sponsorhisp	455
Grants	870.250
Other revenues	341
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1.035.995</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Office costs	36.679
Activity costs	301.365
Personnel and collaborators	674.979
Depreciation	732
<b>TOTAL EXPEDINTURES</b>	<b>1.013.755</b>
Exchange rate gains/losses	-4.981
<b>RESULT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>17.259</b>