

# Building Synergies between Egyptian and German Peacebuilding Organizations

## 1. Project Description

This project aims to create opportunities for learning exchanges and collaborations between Egyptian and German Peacebuilding organizations. Through exploring local peacebuilding customs in Egypt, the project opens the door on an untraveled path to peacebuilding, that celebrates the strongly established peacebuilding traditions in the different governorates of Egypt and how they can contribute to the current peacebuilding efforts in place. The outcomes and most efficient techniques of this journey serve as a basis to further studies and collaboration between different peacebuilding organizations in Egypt and Germany and provides a model to be replicated in different contexts for more diverse outcomes.

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## 2. Quick-Facts

<b>Project period</b>	July-December 2022
<b>Funding</b>	4.000 EUR
<b>Target group</b>	This project targets relevant German and European peacebuilding organisations, and other communities who are in the search for more alternative conflict transformation methodologies

## 3. Background

A study tour was conducted by our former CCP fellow, Khalil El Masry, across 15 Egyptian governorates to identify local Egyptian approaches to conflict management. Khalil had also developed and implemented an online course tackling topics such as inner peace and resilience among Egyptian youth. After collecting outcomes and findings from both these activities, we found that the methodologies extracted, and topics discussed are beneficial and would be very useful to replicate in other contexts across the globe. Consequently, this project aims to discuss said findings with relevant German peacebuilding organizations to collaboratively evaluate the results and extract the most efficient techniques eligible for replication. The extracted methodologies will be gathered and disseminated in an event in Egypt celebrating International Peace Day.

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## 4. Project Goals

The general goal of this project is to establish strong synergies between German and Egyptian Peacebuilding organisations where expertise of conflict transformation and peacebuilding are shared symbiotically. This will subsequently work for our second goal which is to expand our network and create a strong multiple-hub network with different peace-building organizations to prepare for possible further cooperation. Most importantly, the project aims to raise awareness on customary conflict transformation and peacebuilding methodologies used in Egypt. This will further expose a new approach to trainings for peacebuilding and conflict transformation implemented globally by leveraging the methodologies extracted from Egypt and replicating it in different contexts.

## 5. Project Activities

There are four main activities that this project encompasses; these would be including:

> **Online Meetings**

Firstly, introductory online meetings will take place between relevant partners to introduce the rationale of the project and its activities. Through this activity, we aim to build stronger multiple-hub networks.

> **Partner Visits and Discussions**

Secondly, discussions on study tour findings and the online course will be conducted during visits to extract the pertinent methodologies. This activity also works as an opportunity for networking to build strong synergies between Egyptian and German peacebuilding organizations.

> **Report**

Following the outcomes of the above discussions, a report will be developed highlighting the most relevant local methodologies to be used for replication.

> **Event**

Finally, an event will take place in Egypt celebrating International Peace Day to disseminate the findings of the trip and online course.

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## 6. About the Partners

### 1. CRISP eV

Based in Berlin, founded in 2007, CRISP develops projects and facilitates trainings dealing with conflict transformation and civic education. CRISP is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan and non-confessional organization. We contribute to peaceful conflict resolution globally. That's why we do capacity-building activities for critical democratic forces, which initiate, support and encourage a peaceful conflict transformation in society. In this process, our guiding principle is to adjust our projects to local needs and to use innovative and experience-based learning methods. With the use of simulation games enriched by role-play elements CRISP aims for a self-organizing, holistic, and highly hands on learning culture.

### 2. Madad

Madad is a social enterprise established in 2009 with the aim to provide IT support to civic society. After the revolution in 2011, Madad founder and volunteers have been deeply involved in the field of peacebuilding, and since 2012, they co-founded Selmiyah, a decentralized pacifist network aiming to promote culture of peace in the Egyptian society. Since Madad had been responsible of organizing capacity building programs in the field of peace education, and networking events such as the Selmiyah annual forum, and the Masr Tegma'ana (Egypt Unites Us) Festival at the International Day of Peace.

