

SeeD Newsletter

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As we come out of the summer hiatus with fresh eyes, we reflect on a question that sits at the heart of SeeD's work: how can we support peace and development architects on all levels to make decisions that are more inclusive, more timely and more impactful in moments of complex socio-economic and political challenges? For us, the answer increasingly lies not only in producing robust analysis, but in creating and optimising the conditions for that evidence to be discussed, challenged and translated into action. This means bringing different perspectives into the same room, grounding interpretation in local realities, and designing processes that help people move from insight to meaningful decisions, while responsibly using advancements in AI to support collaborative and compassionate intelligence. Our constant ambition is to ensure that data does more than describe the world as it is; that it identifies the pathways and solutions that can shape more cohesive and peaceful futures. We hope this issue offers a glimpse into how we are putting that ambition into practice.

What's in this Issue?

This issue highlights important progress and engagement across SeeD's projects and programming. Here's what we've been up to since our last issue in June:

In **Cyprus**, we organised panels, book launches and a garden reception, participated in various conferences, supported civic consultative body efforts, published our External Impact Assessment Report for the UWC Scholarship Programme, and presented our findings at the Dialogue in Action event organised by the Nobel Peace Centre and UWC.

In **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, we published our big Social Cohesion trends report and shared SCORE 2025 results through high-level meetings at the Parliament, Neum Leadership Forum and International Working Group on Gender Equality ahead of the next wave of data collection planned for autumn 2026.

In **Ukraine**, we have completed calibration for the next iteration of SCORE following an intense multi-stakeholder consultation period over the summer. SCORE Ukraine 2026 will have a renewed focus on needs and priorities around recovery policies, local governance and veterans' wellbeing and reintegration.

Meanwhile, in **Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire**, we have continued our DRIVE work with our partner, Resilience for Peace. Most recently, we organised a mission to Accra to present preliminary findings to national actors such as the National Peace Council and international stakeholders including the Royal Norwegian Embassy and UNDP.

Looking ahead, SeeD will present at four upcoming conferences around the world: **the Geneva Peace Forum, the ISS African Futures Conference, the Commonwealth People's Forum and the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development**. Through these engagements, we will work to strengthen impact creation and evidence uptake around SeeD's methodologies.

We hope you enjoy this issue and can join us at some of these events throughout the fall.

News

International Association for Reconciliation Studies (IARS) Annual Conference – 22 June 2026

On June 22, Dr. Ilke Dagli Hustings, SeeD Director of Strategic Engagements, and Prof. Neophytos Loizides, SeeD Board member, spoke at the IARS panel entitled “Rethinking Peace Process Design: Integrating Civic Participation, New Methodologies, and Pathways to Overcome Impasse” hosted at Ledra Palace in Nicosia. The panel also featured Dr. Charis Psaltis, Dr. Allison McCulloch and Dr. Meltem Onurkan-Samani and offered important takeaways on citizen participation and peace processes in Cyprus.

Access the session recording [here](#)



Knowledge Sharing & Networking Event at SeeD HQ with the University of Warwick – 23 June 2026

On June 23, SeeD hosted a Knowledge Sharing & Networking Event at its headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus in partnership with the University of Warwick. This event built off important discussions happening across Cyprus the prior week, including the IARS Conference, the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS) Conference, and the International Conference on the Science of Dialogic Design.

At the event, SeeD hosted one conjoint analysis panel and three book discussions featuring themes including electoral result analysis, gender and power-sharing, constitutional design and minority memory and reconciliation. We concluded the event with a garden reception for social and professional networking opportunities among the participants.

See the panel recordings [here](#)



AI for Good Summit – 6-10 July 2026

On July 6-10, SeeD colleagues Dr. Ilke Dagli Hustings and Yana Tucker attended the AI for Good Summit, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum, and the UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva.

The week of conferences centred around one shared question: how can AI best serve humanity? To explore this, SeeD participated in discussions to better understand the operationalization of AI across education, development, mental health and humanitarian action fields. Through panels, interactive exhibitions and networking sessions, Ilke and Yana explored emerging AI applications and connected with UN partners including UNDP, UNICEF and UNITAR to explore how to best implement AI tools for peacebuilding, development and humanitarian purposes. For SeeD, this opens an important discussion around AI for Peace: How can AI support peacebuilding efforts, enhance multi-perspectivity and deliberation, and help practitioners build capacities and respond to challenges?



Dialogue in Action by the Nobel Peace Centre and UWC International – 21 September 2026

On September 21, Dr. Ilke Dagli Hustings delivered a presentation in London at the Dialogue in Action event hosted by the Nobel Peace Centre in partnership with UWC International. The event marked the International Day of Peace and aimed to bring dialogue from principle to action through an evening of conversation, reconnection and shared belief. At the event, Ilke presented [SeeD's External Impact Assessment of UWC programmes implemented from 2020-2025 in Cyprus](#), emphasizing the importance of education and dialogue for sustainable peace.



Upcoming Event: Geneva Peace Forum – 12-15 October 2026

SeeD will participate in the 13th annual Geneva Peace Forum, formerly Geneva Peace Week. The theme of this year's conference is "Choose Peace," an increasingly important endeavor with the prevalence of armed conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and emerging risks from climate change and AI in today's world. **On October 15, Dr. Bertrand Baldet and Yana Tucker will be leading a workshop entitled "Elections at a Crossroads: Leveraging Data-Driven Programming for Peaceful Transitions" in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation and Volt Europa.** The session will feature a presentation of SeeD's methodologies combined with our partners' on-the-ground political expertise. This will offer important insights into how evidence can help move beyond risk identification to inform political action, prevent violence, and support electoral integrity.

Register to attend in-person or online [here](#)

Access the programme [here](#)

Upcoming Event: African Futures Conference – 13-14 October 2026

SeeD's Abdon Koko, along with Resilience for Peace (R4P) colleague Mirko Hoff, will present at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) African Futures Conference on October 13-14. This edition of the conference focuses on moving "From Data to Decisions" to understand trends and shape trajectories across the African continent. **On October 14, SeeD and R4P will co-organize an online panel on "Stress-testing resilience strategies against violent-extremism spillover in coastal West Africa".** This will contribute to broader discussions on leveraging community-based, data-driven strategies to strengthen resilience and conflict prevention.

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Upcoming Event: Commonwealth People's Forum – 2-4 November 2026

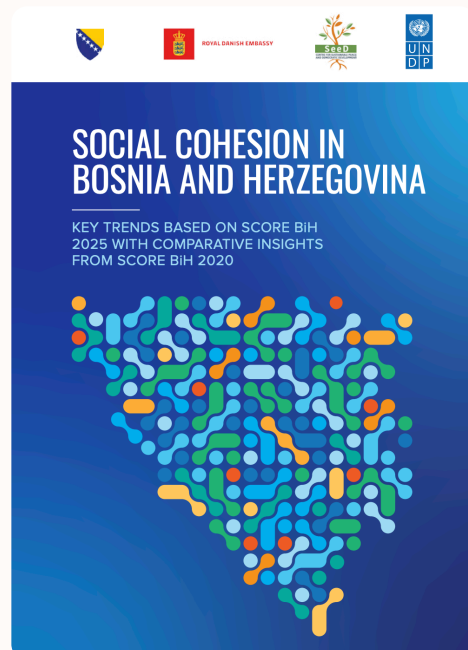
On November 2-4, Dr. Ilke Dagli Hustings will be participating in the Commonwealth People's Forum organised alongside the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in her role as Civil Society Advisory Governor for the Europe and Canada region. The goal of the Forum is to provide a platform for Commonwealth citizens to engage in dialogue with leaders, reflect on opportunities and challenges, and help shape policy and practice pertaining to issues ranging from climate justice to economic inclusion to freedom of expression. Throughout the Forum, participants will work to strengthen people-centered governance, enable exchange among citizens and leaders, and promote inclusion of women, youth, and other vulnerable groups while focusing on topics such as blue economy, climate resilience and defending the civic space for democratic participation.

Register to attend [here](#)

Upcoming Event: Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development – 3-4 November 2026

On November 3-4, Dr. Bertrand Baldet and Abdon Koko will be attending the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development. In line with this year's theme, "From Rupture to Repair: New Visions for Peace and Development," SeeD will co-organise two workshops with close partners. **Together with Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and UNDP, our first workshop will tackle the question "Can Peace Be Measured in an Actionable Way?" using SCORE Bosnia and Herzegovina, SCORE Liberia and other use cases to explore how data can effectively inform decisions in fragile contexts. The second workshop will focus on "Measuring What Matters – Integrating Climate, Peace and Resilience Assessment Tools" in partnership with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.** Join us at these sessions to explore how to translate data into effective programming for peace, resilience and sustainability in today's world.

Featured Publications



External Impact Assessment of the EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at UWC

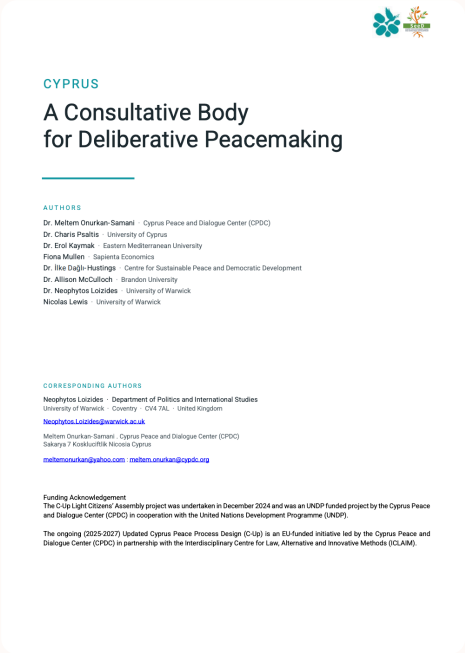
This report publishes the findings of SeeD and CPDC’s external impact assessment of the EU Scholarship Programme for Cypriot Youth at United World Colleges (UWC) for the programmatic cycle 2020-2025. Drawing from survey data and in-depth interviews with beneficiaries, parents, and stakeholders, this impact assessment evaluates to what extent the programme achieved its expected outcomes to strengthen intercommunal relations, constructive citizenship, and soft skills and psychosocial competencies among young people in Cyprus. The findings show that the programme was highly effective in achieving these outcomes and also created virtuous cycles and notable spill-over effects from young people to their families and communities.

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Social Cohesion in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Key Trends Based on SCORE BiH 2025

This report outlines key trends based on SCORE BiH 2025 with comparative insights from SCORE BiH 2020. Drawing from fieldwork conducted in late 2025 with a sample of approximately 3,800 respondents, this report finds that Bosnia and Herzegovina does not reflect a “collapsed social fabric” as narratives suggest, but exhibits moderate-to-high cohesion, intergroup harmony, and community cooperation at the local level. However, pessimism about the country’s direction remains widespread, revealing a gap between positive local experiences and negative system-level perceptions. This report therefore proposes three tracks to target programming: deepening intergroup trust, strengthening progressive civic attitudes, and leveraging untapped civic potential.

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A Consultative Body for Deliberative Peacemaking in Cyprus

Published by SeeD and CPDC, this article explores a new model for a consultative body to support and raise the chances of success of the Cyprus peace process.

This collaborative article explains the rationale, design and value of a rotating civic assembly made up of randomly selected ordinary citizens and provides empirical evidence of the two communities' readiness to endorse civic assemblies.

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Featured Project Updates

SCORE Ukraine

SeeD recently completed the calibration process for the 2026 iteration SCORE Ukraine in partnership with UNDP. The intensive calibration period brought together a wide range of Ukrainian and international stakeholders through facilitated consultations with national ministries, regional and local authorities, civil society and research organisations, international peace and development partners, and academic experts. These discussions helped review the existing SCORE framework and ensure that the 2026 study reflects the realities of prolonged full-scale war, recovery, displacement, institutional pressure and evolving community relations. SCORE Ukraine 2026 will continue tracking the vertical and horizontal dimensions of social cohesion, while sharpening its focus on local governance and recovery, community safety, and evolving relations between veterans, active-duty service members, civilians, IDPs, returnees and host communities. The study will use a nationally representative household survey, with booster samples for veterans and selected *hromadas*. Data collection is expected to begin in the coming months, with initial findings anticipated in early 2027.

SeeD's team also delivered a presentation on [Gender-Sensitive Reconstruction in Ukraine](#) during the [Gender in Humanitarian Action Working Group](#) facilitated by UN Women. This presentation highlighted that as Ukraine looks towards reconstruction, the country faces compounding threats: not only the direct consequences of Russia's brutal war of aggression, but also the growing gendered insecurities and disparities created by its economic and social outcomes. The presentation illustrates with strong evidence, why gender-blind recovery would undermine the sustainability and impact of recovery efforts in Ukraine.

SCORE Bosnia and Herzegovina

SeeD and UNDP have continued their engagement efforts to enhance the evidence uptake of SCORE BiH results and recommendations. In June, Selin Uretici presented SCORE results on gender and progressive attitudes at the [International Working Group on Gender Equality Meeting](#). Selin emphasised that while social tolerance, support for human rights and gender equality mindsets remained high, meaningful gender disparities remain. SeeD colleague Elvis Zutic also presented results in a high-level meeting with members of the BiH Parliament, in which he shared core insights relating to trends, challenges and next steps for BiH to strengthen social cohesion.

In the coming weeks, stay tuned for our new thematic deep dives on Gender and Progressive Attitudes, Youth and Migration and Progressive Attitudes in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Also explore the SCORE BiH [scorecards](#) and [dashboard](#) available online.

Looking forward, calibration for wave 2 of data collection is set to begin this October following the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a commitment to continue SCORE assessments in 2027.

DRIVE Ghana

In early September, SeeD's West Africa team completed its mission to Ghana to present preliminary results of the DRIVE Ghana project. The team met with the Third National Steering Committee, the Third International Advisory Group, the expert Technical Committee, and the Northern CSO Consultation Group, organized by the National Peace Council and Royal Norwegian Embassy. These meetings provided deliberative multi-stakeholder spaces for evidence interpretation and allowed SeeD colleagues to gather crucial insights to guide the advanced analysis stage.



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