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European Centre for Conflict Prevention (ECCP)

The European Centre for Conflict Prevention (ECCP) was established in 1997 as the secretariat for the European Platform for Conflict Prevention and Transformation. The ECCP encourages cooperation and facilitates the exchange of information as well as advocacy and lobbying activities among organisations involved in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

The ECCP now days primarily serves as the Global Secretariat for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), which was formed in 2003. GPPAC consists of 15 regional networks of civil society organisations reaching all over the world working collaboratively to bring about a fundamental shift in how the international community responds to violent conflict, from reaction to prevention.