

FACILITY ON JUSTICE IN CONFLICT AND TRANSITION



« We can forgive
but we can not
forget »

Reine Eliane Malou

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FRAMEWORK

The EU Policy Framework on Support to Transitional Justice guides the work of the Facility. According to the Framework, transitional justice comprises “the full range of processes and mechanisms associated with a society’s attempts to come to terms with a legacy of large-scale past abuses, in order to ensure accountability, serve justice and achieve reconciliation. These may include both judicial and non-judicial mechanisms, with differing levels of international involvement (or none at all) and individual prosecutions, reparations, truth-seeking, institutional reform, vetting and dismissals, or a combination thereof.”

The EU Policy Framework identifies five key objectives: ending impunity; providing redress to victims; fostering trust; strengthening the rule of law; and contributing to reconciliation. It emphasises the need for locally owned and context-specific processes that are victim-centred and gender sensitive.

WHAT IS IT?

The Facility on Justice in Conflict and Transition supports transitional justice and constitution-building processes in third countries. In particular, the Facility:

- Provides short-term expertise in a wide range of thematic and geographic areas.
- Delivers coaching and training for governmental and non-governmental actors.
- Develops knowledge products, comparative analyses and guidance to support country processes



WHO DOES IT?

The consortium responsible for implementing the Facility on Justice in Conflict and Transition includes the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance ([International IDEA](#)) as consortium leader, Conciliation Resources ([CR](#)), the International Center for Transitional Justice ([ICTJ](#)), the Toledo International Centre for Peace – Colombia ([CITpax-Colombia](#)), and the Swiss Peace Foundation ([swisspeace](#)). The Facility is managed by its two Key Experts.

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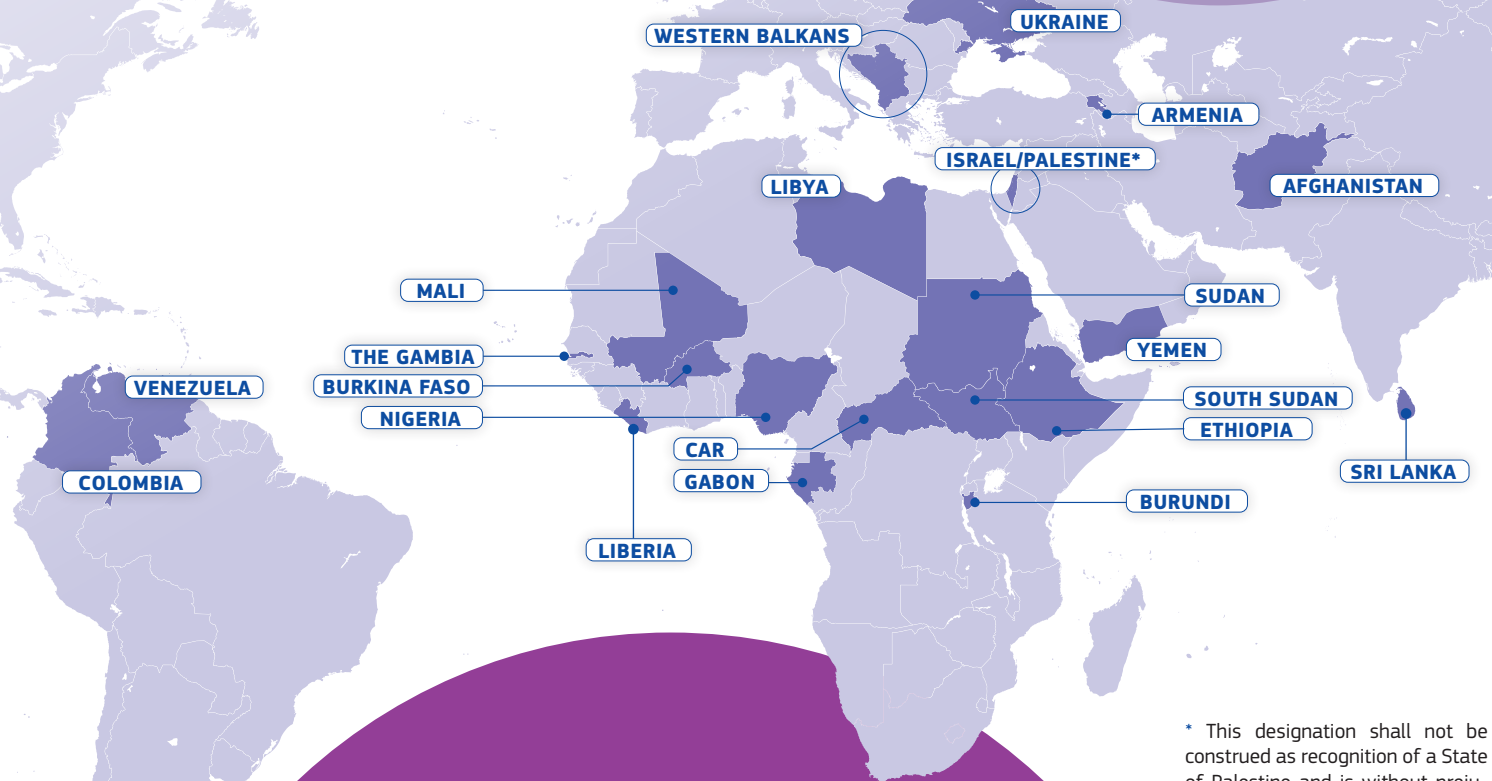
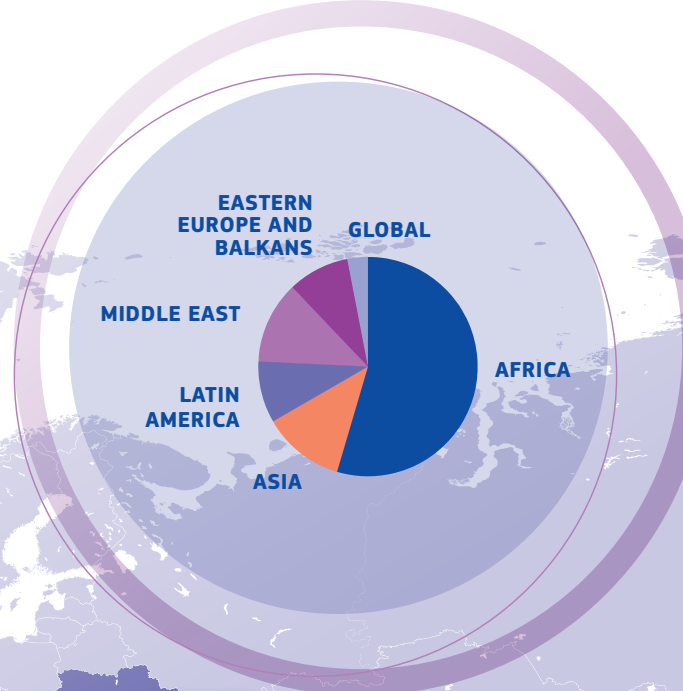
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A GLIMPSE AT SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE FACILITY

The Facility's reach is global. Between 2019 and 2025, the Facility provided expertise in **more than 20 countries on four continents.**

Generally, the Facility deploys mixed national and international teams composed of highly specialised experts coming from all regions of the world.



* This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Upon request of EU services, mostly EU Delegations, and under the supervision of the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), the Facility implements short-term assignments. The terms of reference and the expert profiles are developed with the EU services and national stakeholders concerned. Consortium members provide experts and logistics. All costs are covered by the Facility.

The Facility offers a help desk function for EU services to :

- Promptly clarify specific technical questions.
- Analyse national legislation and policies.
- Provide inputs at seminars.
- Conduct sensitisation sessions.



Generally, the Facility deploys mixed national and international teams. The teams work under the guidance of the two Key Experts on topics such as:

- Assessments on transitional justice and constitution building.
- Workshops for civil society and governmental actors.
- Advice on legislation related to elections and political parties.
- Support to truth-seeking mechanisms on information management and archiving.
- Advice on hybrid judicial mechanisms.
- Mapping of efforts to document large-scale abuses.
- Analysis of the role of the arts in transitional justice.
- Guidance on mental health and psycho-social support in transitional justice.
- Advice on asset recovery and vetting.

The Facility published several research outputs including:

- Integrating a Psychosocial Approach into EU Support to Transitional Justice
- Peace Mediation and Transitional Justice – Key Lessons for Practitioners
- User Guide for the EU Policy Framework on Support to Transitional Justice.



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