Roundtable Discussion

Proposals from Civil Society to foster Peace and Stability in Libya

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13:15 – 14:30
(Light lunch from 12:30)

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Seven years after the revolution, Libya faces several challenges on the way to democratization and stability. Political, security, economic and social crises make the transition in a stable, peaceful and democratic Libya difficult. The spread of weapons in the hands of militias in addition to the negative impact of regional powers make Libya one of the biggest challenges to the EU in Northern Africa. A destabilized Libya has a direct impact on Europe, as it is one of the major transit countries for many thousands of migrants from the Middle East and Sub-Sahara Africa seeking to reach the EU.

Under the old regime, independent civil society organizations were not allowed to play any political role, yet today they are very important in promoting peace and stability in Libya. In light of the challenges facing the civilian population in general and civic activism in particular, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung aims to enable a constructive dialogue on the future of the country and the crucial role of civil society.

Program

Welcoming remarks by **Marco Schwarz**, FES EU Office

Roundtable discussion with

Younes Nanis, Researcher at Farsight Consulting (UK), Migrant Report (Malta), Media Consult (Switzerland)

Mohamed Hamuda, founder and chairman of H2O (Libyan NGO supporting the democratic transition)

Khadija Elboaishi, Lecturer for international Law, University of Tripoli - Faculty of Law

Abdurahman Al-Ageli, Researcher & Fellow at Chatham House, King's College London, Atlantic Council Washington DC

Merin Abass, Head of FES projects on Libya