



OSCE Support to Insider Mediation: Strengthening Mediation Capacities, Networking and Complementarity

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Description / Abstract

This study on the OSCE's engagement with insider mediators has been conducted by the Berghof Foundation and commissioned by the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre/Operations Service Mediation Support Team jointly with the German OSCE Chairmanship. Insider mediators enjoy an inherent legitimacy and authority to engage with conflict actors and possess potential advantages in comparison to mediators coming from outside a conflict context. They are highly relevant for the OSCE as peacemakers, yet engagement requires acute sensitivity and strategizing. The study deliberates on some conceptual and operational considerations for OSCE support to insider mediation.

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