

**Good intentions, mixed results.
Ukraine, Iraq and a conflict-sensitive unpacking of
the EU comprehensive approach to crisis response mechanisms**

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In this public inception seminar of EUNPACK, the conflicts in Iraq and Ukraine will be used as case studies to highlight how this new Horizon 2020 project will unpack the EU’s crisis-response mechanisms to provide new insights that can increase our understanding of how crisis response functions and is received on the ground in target countries, and also how it can be improved. The approach that will be presented through these two case studies will enable us to explore local agencies and perceptions in target countries without losing sight of the EU’s institutions and their expectations and ambitions; it will allow us to analyse the full cycle of dynamic events, from EU intentions, motivations and subsequent implementation, to local actors' perceptions and reactions, and back again to EU intentions and understanding.

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