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Linking Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) and
Security Sector Reform (SSR)
In the EU Post-conflict
Reconstruction Efforts:

The Case of
The Democratic Republic of the Congo
(DRC)

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Abstract: *The European Union (EU) is increasingly aspiring not to be only a normative value-driven power but also a vital player in post-conflict reconstructions beyond its borders. Particularly within a context of Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) of ex-combatants, the EU has adapted ambitious policies and developed into a significant player in this respective field. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which is often considered as the largest laboratory for the EU Crisis Management, frames our research playground and serves as a ‘lacmus paper’ of the EU’s SSR and DDR policy implementation. The following thesis adopts a three-steps analytical approach: (1) potential synergies and overlapping aims of SSR and DDR are analysed from a theoretical perspective; (2) policy analysis of the EU’s policy documents; and (3) subsequent policy utilisation on the Congolese soil. This thesis reveals that the EU’s SSR and DDR endeavours in building peace and security in the DRC are severely hindered and compromised by its organisations complexity in line with the ‘pre-Lisbon’ identity and by its inherited legacy of two un-linked security-oriented and development-oriented policies, which lead through missing guidelines and effective division of labour to fragmentation of competences and their subsequent disjuncture when utilised on the ground.*

List of abbreviations:

ASSN	African Security Sector Network
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CIVCOM	Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management
CNDP	Congrès national pour la défense du peuple
CONADER	Commission National Pour la Démobilisation et la Réinsertion Conflicts Armed
CSRP	Comité de Suivi de la Réforme de la Police
CSDP	Common Security and Defence Policy
DAI	Development Alternative Inc.
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilisation, Reintegration
DfID	Department for International Development
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EDF	European Development Fund
EEAS	European External Action Service
EPLO	European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
ESDP	European Security and Defence Policy
ESS	European Security Strategy
EU	European Union
FARDC	Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICTJ	International Centre for Transitional Justice
IPU	Integrated Police Unit
JSSR	Justice and Security Sector Reform
MDRP	Multi-Country Demobilisation and Reintegration Program

MONUC	The United Nations Organisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Under this name from 30. 11. 1999 – 28. 05. 2010)
MONUSCO	The United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC mission renamed as MONUSCO from 1. 7. 2010)
NGOs	Non-governmental Organisations
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECD-DAC	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development – Development Assistance Committee
PNC	Police National Congolaise
PNDDR	Programme National pour la désarmement, la Démobilisation et la Réinsertion
PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers
SSR	Security Sector Reform
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UN IDDRS	United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Standards
WB	World Bank
WDR	World Development Report

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