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## HOW TO STOP THE KILLING

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69 years ago, the United Nations adopted the **Convention for the Prevention and Repression of the Crime of Genocide**. In the wake of World War II, this Convention was part of a wave of human rights legislation that aimed to place limits on the privileges of sovereignty and to protect populations from abusive governments, including from their own.

In spite of the provisions of international law however, the first two decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century continue to witness more mass victimization. In 2017, the situation remains critical in a number of countries, including Burundi, Myanmar, Iraq and Syria as well as in the Central African Republic.

The conference will aim to review the lessons policy-makers have learnt from the experience of the past decades. It will examine new ways in which some governments and international organizations anticipate and attempt to prevent massacres and ethnic cleansing.

The conference is organized by the Elie Wiesel Network/EGAM, AGBU Europe and Nouvelles d'Arménie on the occasion of the anniversary of the adoption of the 1948 Convention for the Prevention and the Repression of the Crime of Genocide.

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## Conference Programme

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### PANEL 1. WHAT IS EUROPE DOING TO STOP THE KILLING?

**2.00 – 3.30 pm** - Moderator: **Nicolas Tavitian**

**Frank Engel, Member of the European Parliament**, President of the “Elie Wiesel Network of Parliamentarians of Europe involved to prevent genocide and mass atrocities and to fight against genocide denial”

**Jack Mayerhofer**, Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (USA)

**Dr. Cristina Stefan**, lecturer in International Relations at the University of Leeds and Co-Director of the European Centre for Responsibility to Protect (ECR2P)

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### PANEL 2. WHERE IS ACTION NEEDED TODAY?

#### Testimonies

**3.30 – 5 pm** Moderator: **Christopher Metz**

**Emelyne Muhorakeye**, journalist, Burundi

**Delkhwaz Hacıy**, Director, Yazda - Global Yazidi Organization and **Anais Neyrat**, Yazda

**Godefroy Mokamanede**, Interreligious Platform, Central African Republic

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### PANEL 3: HOW TO PLACE “RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT” AT THE HEART OF EU POLICIES

**5.00 -6.00 pm** Moderator: **Ara Toranian**

**Beate and Serge Klarsfeld**, UNESCO Ambassadors for Genocide Prevention

**Benjamin Abtan**, Coordinator, Elie Wiesel Network of Parliamentarians of Europe involved to prevent genocide and mass atrocities and to fight against genocide denial

**Nadia Gortzounian**, President, Armenian General Benevolent Union - Europe