## **Conversations on European Security**

Stopping the war in Ukraine and rebuilding peace in Europe will have to be carried out at different levels, covering a wide range of issues and involving a number of actors. Through a series of "Conversations on European Security" the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung have identified several elements that need to be considered. The Peace Matrix outlines the multidimensional nature of the security challenges in the OSCE area and provides an overview of the different pieces involved and how they inter-relate.

The matrix is designed as an entry point for understanding the complex challenges that lie ahead. Because the situation remains highly dynamic, we invite readers to change, amend and complement the elements. Let's use this tool as a basis for common action to manage relations more peacefully and rebuild security and cooperation in Europe.

Further information on this topic can be found here:

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- 1 Costly signals are actions or messages that are expensive or difficult for a state to undertake, making them credible indicators of the state's intentions or resolve.
- 2 Practical steps that are in the interest of both parties such as exchange of prisoners of war and war dead, no attacks on critical infrastructure, resumption of the Black Sea grain deal, as well as steps to relegitimize diplomacy and reopen channels of dialogue.
- 3 Guardrails and confidence- and security-building measures include steps to manage relations more peacefully, create greater predictability and reduce the risk of accidents and incidents.