

We invite peace movements of the European nuclear (host) nations (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, UK) for a

**Anti-nuclear weapon meeting in Brussels on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (from 10 am to 1 pm)**

at the first anniversary of the ban Treaty to discuss a common strategy of peace and other movements for a nuclear ban in Europe and to put forward ideas for political pressure, actions and campaigns.



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## Logistical information

### Counter summit “No to war – No to NATO”

Brussels 2018, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 6:30 pm

#### Institut libre Marie Haps

Aarlenstraat / rue d’Arlon, 11 - 1050 Brussels- Belgium

Metro: 2 & 6 - stop Troon

Bus: E – AUDERGHEM Herrmann-Debroux – stop

Ixelles Luxembourg

& Bus 34, 38, 80, 95 – stop Luxembourg

The participation fees (coffee and a small lunch included) are €10/pp and €5/pp students and solidary tarif. This will have to be paid at the entrance.

Please register with email to [info@no-to-nato.org](mailto:info@no-to-nato.org)

Update of the program will be found on our website:

[www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)

[www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/NotoWAR.NotoNATO>

[https://twitter.com/No\\_to\\_Nato](https://twitter.com/No_to_Nato)

[www.StopNato2018.org](http://www.StopNato2018.org)

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### Program (first version)

Plenary lectures, workshops, podium discussion, culture

May 2018

## Introduction

As the world becomes more dangerous, the need for discussions and actions for peace has never been more vital. With militarism on the rise, the need for a global people's alternative – of justice, sustainability and peace – has never been more urgent.

NATO is pressing its members to spend 2% of GDP on military budgets to fund wars and aggression. Since last year increased military spending became an obligation for most EU members in the framework of PESCO (Permanent Structured Cooperation), even though EU member states submit to strict austerity policies. How we can organize more effective opposition and new strategies for conversion? Questions we want to discuss at the counter summit.

In addition, NATO's role as a nuclear-armed alliance continues, with B61 nuclear bombs, currently being upgraded to the B61-12, to make them more 'usable'. A nuclear free world is our vision and dream. The ban treaty creates new opportunities for the peace movement to discuss.

NATO's expansion is against international security. This continued expansion has contributed to international tension as Russia sees itself increasingly surrounded by US and NATO bases. What to do for a new politics of common security in the 21st century?

More questions than answer. The counter summit will be a good possibility for an intensive, solidarity and controversial discussion.

You are welcome to join this International Peace Conference and to participate in the plenary lectures, workshops, podium discussions, ... An opportunity to meet other peace-loving people from NATO and other countries.

## Program of the counter summit:

### 10.00 Welcome

*Ludo De Brabander (Vrede, Belgium) / Kristine Karch (No-to-War No-to-Nato, Germany)*

### 10.30 "Give the victims of NATO a face".

Testimonials of victims of NATO aggressions by video and speeches

### 11.15 – 12:30 Opening plenary:

#### **NATO: global military alliance for war, intervention and military spending**

*Joseph Gerson (AFSC, USA)*

#### **The role and importance of enemy pictures**

*Anne Morrelli (prof. ULB, Belgium)*

#### **European Militarization (PESCO) & military spending (2%)**

*Sabine Lösing (MEP, GUE/NGL, Germany)*

#### **Nuclear weapons: the biggest danger**

*Arielle Denis (ICAN, IPB, France)*

#### **Women and war (working title)**

*Maria Butler (WILPF, USA)*

Every lecture 10 minutes, followed by a discussion between the speakers and the participants.

### 12.30 - 1.30 Plenary: information to actions and campaigns against NATO and military spending

Three minutes each plus one-minute question

Moderation: Kate Hudson (CND, UK); Reiner Braun (IPB, Germany)

### 1.30 - 2.15 lunch break

### 2.15 - 3.45 Workshops

The workshops combine analytic elements with the discussion of strategies and actions. Most workshops will be in English, with (limited) translations when possible. Simultaneous translations in workshop h.

a. **NATO strategy and abolition of NATO**, including disarmament, nuclear weapons free world

b. **Europe of Peace**

c. **Women and war: white masculine military culture and its implications for the rest of humankind**

d. **Drones and automatization of weapons**

e. **Arms export**

f. **Military bases**

g. **Future actions for Peace, including preparation of NATO actions 2019**

h. **Nuclear weapons: Nouvelle Bombe & Nouvel Bombardier | New Bomb & New Bomber**

### 4.00 till 6.00 final session

Reports from the working groups with the focus on: what to do (max. 20 min.)

Podium discussion:

**"Future non-violent actions against war, NATO and militarization - for peace, justice and disarmament"**

Discussion about common activities including EU elections, NATO anniversary 2019, end of World War I, modernization of nuclear weapons and B61, no to fighter jets F 35, and 2% of GDP for military spending

**Panelists:**

**Pat Elder** (World Beyond War, USA) | **Oleg Bodrov**, (Russia) | **Katrien Neyt** (ABVV/FGTB, Belgium) | **Édith Boulanger** (Non à l'OTAN, Non à la guerre, France) | **Ewa Groszewska** (Poland) | **Reiner Braun** (IPB, Germany)

### 6.00 closing remarks

Béatrice Fihn (ICAN, SW), Ludo De Brabander (Vrede Belgium) / Kristine Karch (No-to-War No-to-Nato, Germany)