

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

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**Monday
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2025 EU NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

NEXT GENERATION WORKSHOP

*The Hotel.Brussels
Boulevard de Waterloo, 38 - Brussels
Belgium*



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The **International Affairs Institute (IAI)**, with the support of the **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC)**, organises the annual *Next Generation Workshop* on non-proliferation and disarmament.

Held each fall as a side event of the EUNPD Annual Conference, the workshop brings together nine outstanding early-career scholars and practitioners – selected through a highly competitive process – from around the world. Participants explore key global security challenges, with recent themes including regional perspectives on non-proliferation and disarmament, nuclear proliferation and the future of the NPT regime, and the impact of emerging technologies on arms control.

The workshop offers a unique platform for presenting fresh ideas and policy recommendations, and features active engagement with EU officials and members of the EUNPD Consortium and Network.

SIX LEADING THINK TANKS



The Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS) was founded in 1998. It is an independent research centre and the leading French think tank on defense and security issues. Its team of experts in a variety of fields contributes to the strategic debate in France and abroad, and provides unique expertise across the board of defense and security studies. In the area of international security, its specific focuses are security doctrines, arms control, proliferation/dissemination issues and challenges, non-proliferation regimes and policies (small arms, conventional weapons, biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons, and their delivery systems). The FRS maintains an active presence in the strategic debate through its publications, its website, and the events it regularly organizes. It takes part in a network of European and international research



The Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt (PRIF), member of the Leibniz Association, is the largest as well as the oldest peace research institute in Germany. Founded in 1970, PRIF's work is directed towards carrying out research on peace and conflict, with a special emphasis on issues of arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. With a total staff of approximately 80, PRIF researchers have a long-standing experience in political advice and consulting, having served, inter alia, in German delegations to NPT, CTBT, CWC, BWC, Ottawa Convention and SALW gatherings, in the UN Advisory Council on Disarmament Matters and in IAEA Expert Groups. Today, PRIF's arms control division covers chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons, small and light weapons, conventional weapons, drones, autonomous weapons, emerging technologies as well as mines and cluster ammunition.



The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), founded in 1958, is an independent centre for research, information and debate on global security, political risk, and military conflict. It aims to provide, through publications and discussion forums, the best possible analysis on strategic trends, and to facilitate contacts that would lead to the development of better public policy in the fields of military power and international relations and security. Headquartered in London, the IISS has offices in Germany, the US, Singapore and Bahrain. The IISS Strategy, Technology, and Arms Control Program is based in the IISS-Europe office in Berlin and seeks to provide objective analysis of trends in global conflicts, the strategies and technology employed to achieve security policy aims, and how arms control can support achieving these aims.



**STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL
PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public. Located in Stockholm, Sweden, SIPRI offers a unique platform for researchers from different countries to work in close cooperation. The Institute also hosts guest researchers and interns who work on issues related to the SIPRI research programmes. SIPRI maintains contacts with other research centres and individual researchers throughout the world. The Institute cooperates closely with several intergovernmental organizations and entities, including the United Nations, the European Union, the IAEA and the OPCW, and regularly provides support to parliamentary, scientific and government partners.



The International Affairs Institute (IAI) is an independent think tank, founded in 1965 on the initiative of Altiero Spinelli. IAI aims to promote the understanding of international politics and international relations and to contribute to the advancement of European integration and multilateral cooperation through conferences, seminars, publications and training. It is the leading Italian study centre on defence and security but its scope also encompasses EU issues, international economics and global governance, energy, climate and Italian foreign policy as well as the dynamics of cooperation and conflict in the Mediterranean and Middle East, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The institute provides advice to governmental institutions and collaborates on a regular basis with the European Union, NATO and the OSCE. It takes part in several European, regional and global research networks.



**Vienna Center for Disarmament
and Non-Proliferation**

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) is an international non-governmental organisation. It was established on the initiative of the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 2010 and officially opened in 2011. The VCDNP promotes international peace and security by conducting research, facilitating dialogue, and building capacity on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. In order to fulfil its mission, the VCDNP conducts conferences, workshops, seminars and other forums to foster results-oriented dialogue and discussion among international organisations, national governments, non-governmental experts, scholars and civil society. Through both in-person courses and online resources on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, the Center trains diplomats and practitioners working in Vienna and around the world. In addition to reports and occasional papers, VCDNP experts publish succinct reference briefs and explainers on multilateral nuclear governance, organisations and regimes. The VCDNP offers outreach and other programmes to engage young women and the next generation in arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament field.

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AGENDA



08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**

Ludovica Castelli, *Project Manager at EUNPDC, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*

FIRST SESSION

09:00 – 10:00 **Regional Perspectives on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament**

Chair:

Eva Gyane, *Technical Leader, WiN for Peace Leader, WiN Global, Vienna*

Speakers:

Sogol Edriss Abadi, *Research Fellow, Sorbonne Research Institute for International and European Law (IREDES), Paris*

Nse-Abasi Ayara, *Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Lead, Nuclear-Aware Africa, Abuja*

Q&A

10:00 – 10:20 *Break*

10:20 – 11:20 **Nuclear Proliferation Challenges and the Future of the NPT Regime**

Chair:

Rebecca Jovin, *Chief of office, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Vienna*

Speakers:

Agata Bidas, *University Assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck*
Artur Frantz, *Research Assistant, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University*

Trine Rosengren Pejstrup, *PhD Fellow, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen*

Q&A

THIRD SESSION

11:20 – 12:20 **Emerging Technologies and Arms Control**

Chair:

Marion Messmer, *Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, London*

Speakers:

Augustine Eneji Ushie, *Designated Research Assistant at the European Parliament, Erasmus Mundus Scholar, Amsterdam*

Gabriel Beltran, *Recent Graduate of Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, Washington D.C.*

Luca Rastelli, *MA student at the University of Trento and at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa*

Q&A

12:20 – 12:45 **Concluding Remarks**

Michał Karczmarz, *Chair, Sub-Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM), European Union External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

13:00

Light Lunch - Reserved for the participants in the Next Generation event