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EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

*Promoting the European network of independent
non-proliferation and disarmament think tanks*



VCDNP

Vienna Center for Disarmament
and Non-Proliferation

The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium: MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

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History

- **EU New Lines for Action 2008:** *“EU action to counter proliferation could benefit from the support provided by non-governmental non-proliferation network”*
- In July 2010 **Council Decision 2010/430/CFSP** established *“a European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks in support of the implementation of the European Union strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction”*.
- A network bringing together foreign policy institutions and research centers from across the EU to encourage political and security-related dialogue and the long-term discussion of measures to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their delivery systems.

Mandate Renewed in 2014, 2018 & 2022

What is the Consortium?



The Network



A network created in

2010



Number of EUNPDC network members

102

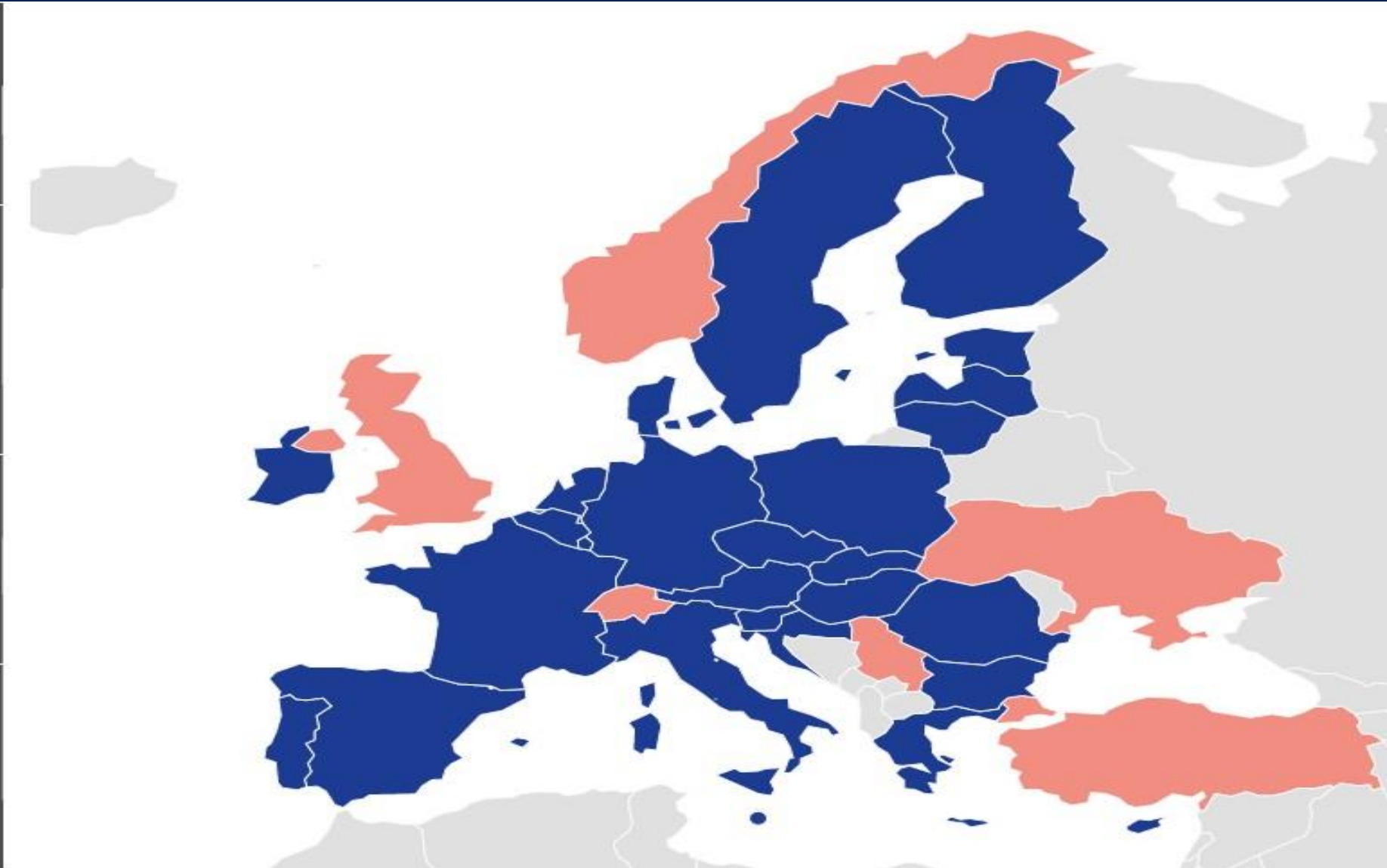


All 27

EU member states are represented



Some network members also come from partner countries such as Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom



Mission and activities

- **The main aim of the network is to encourage discussion of measures to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.**
- **Enhance the awareness in third countries of the challenges related to WMD and conventional weapons proliferation through education and outreach projects and activities.**
- **Establish cooperation with specialized institutions and research centers in third countries.**

Management of the activities

SIPRI

- General management and coordination
- EUNPD policy papers
- Proliferation awareness training pilot courses

FRS

- Website and interactive platform
- Consultative meetings

IAI

- Annual conferences
- Newsletter

IISS-Europe

- Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Podcast

PRIF

- E-learning
- Internship coordination
- Teaching clinic

VCDNP

- Brussels study visits for UN Disarmament Fellows

VCDNP jointly with IAI:

Mentorship programme /next gen activities

Depending on topic and availability

9 ad hoc seminars and oral/written briefs

Participation e.g. in EU sponsored side events

Engagement with policy-makers and diplomats

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Annual Conference



Annual Consultative Meeting



Engagement with policy-makers and diplomats



**UN Disarmament Fellows' visit to Brussels
(every year in September)**

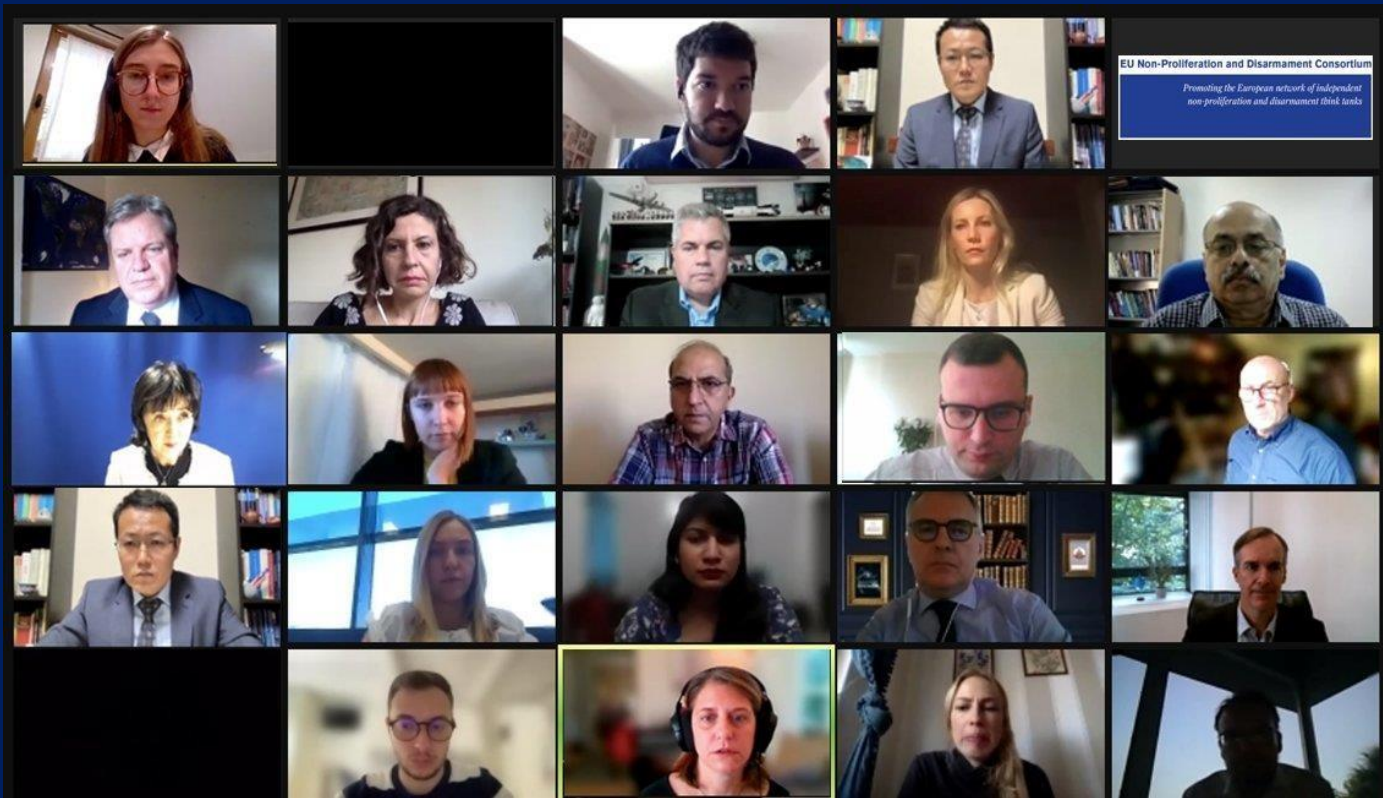
EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Papers



- Covering a wide range of topics in the field of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation
- Providing policy recommendations for EU policy makers
- 82 papers published by experts from the Network since 2011; 13 more by 2025
- Papers are all publicly available.

Ad Hoc Seminars

- 9 in total over 3 years
- 3 in-person, 6 virtual
- Can cover the full range of topics within the Consortium mandate



Oral and written briefs

- Oral briefings to CONOP/COARM and other EU bodies (by Consortium or Network representatives)
- Written *ad-hoc* briefs associated with the 9 *ad-hoc* seminars
- 4 stand-alone written briefs, at request of EEAS

Teaching 'clinic' – teaching resource hub

- Depository of curricula for professors
- Short summaries of key literature
- Curriculum mapping and analysis

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament eLearning Courses

20 learning units covering all relevant NPD aspects, e.g. arms control, WMD, SALW, humanitarian arms control, emerging technologies, export control

195 short videos, 30 experts

Freely accessible at

<https://nonproliferation-elearning.eu>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament eLearning Course. The header includes the logo and name of the consortium, a search bar, and navigation links for Learning Units, Certificates, About, and FAQ. The main content area features a welcome message, a 'Watch the trailer' button, and a descriptive paragraph. At the bottom, four key statistics are listed: 20 Learning Units, 195 Videos, 30 Experts, and 2 Certificates.

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Welcome to the
**EU Non-Proliferation
and Disarmament**
eLearning Course

[▶ Watch the trailer](#)

This course aims to cover all aspects of the EU non-proliferation and disarmament agenda and provide a comprehensive knowledge resource. Both the course and the certification are offered free of charge. Watch the trailer for a quick overview or jump right in!

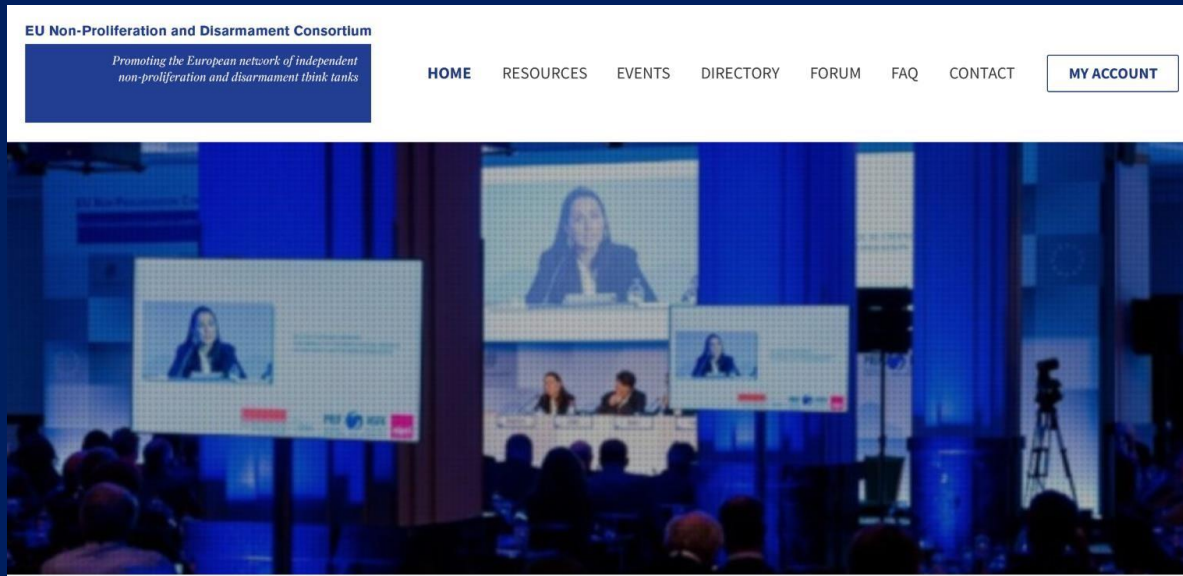
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on arms control, disarmament,
non-proliferation

195 Videos
lectures, videos, animations

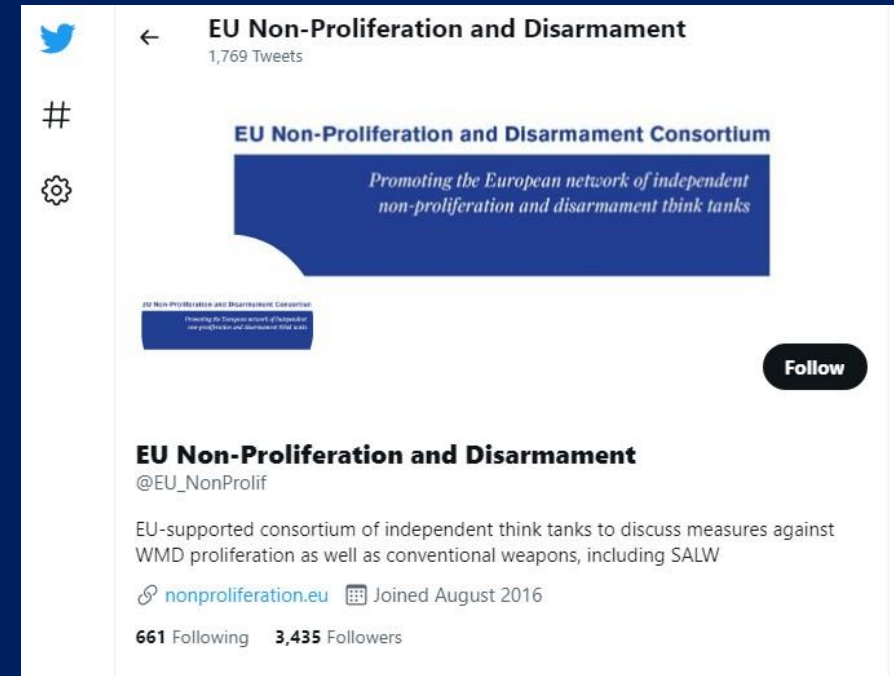
30 Experts
from European think tanks and
the EU

2 Certificates
pass exams and prove your
knowledge

Website and social media



Website



Social media

EUNPDC Podcast



Focused on explaining existing and significant arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation agreements, combining the history of the agreements, their significance, and how they relate to current events (e.g. MTCR, HCOC, Vienna Document, INF Treaty, New START, NPT, CWC, BWC)

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THE NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT CHALLENGES OF THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE EU, AN INTERVIEW WITH CARLOS ARAGÓN



Carlos Aragón is a career diplomat with a strong focus on disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control. He joined the Spanish diplomatic service in 2001, serving in Namibia, Norway, and Australia. As Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Tehran between 2014 and 2017, he has concentrated on these critical issues, along with export controls. From 2017 to 2022, as Deputy Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna, he continued to contribute significantly. Currently holding the position of Deputy Director General for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since August 2022, he plays a role in shaping national policies, as well as representing Spain in international fora. Carlos has also been an active participant in Spanish delegations to key groups such as the Wassenaar Arrangement and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

EU'S ROLE IN MITIGATING CBRN THREATS

The role of the European Union in the management of CBRN threats and risks (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) comprises a wide array of initiatives. Due to the very nature of the CBRN domain, major actions have been taken which deal not only with security but also with health, food, trade, environment.

Major initiatives to be mentioned date back to the early 2000s. In the context of the increasing concern for the

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- For further information about these initiatives please visit our website:
- <https://www.nonproliferation.eu>

Thank you very much for your attention!!

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