

Young Women and Next Generation Initiative in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Second Outreach Event 29 April 2021, 15:00 – 16:30 CEST

Background

The International Affairs Institute (IAI) and the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) in the framework of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium have launched a *Young Women and Next Generation Initiative*, a new initiative to encourage young women and the next generation to enter the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field.

Inspired by the widely perceived age and gender imbalances among experts and practitioners in the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament field, the *Young Women and Next Generation Initiative* aims to help address such imbalances by exposing college and university level female students to arms control issues, increasing their awareness of them and encouraging their participation in events and workshops. The goal is to help students understand how to pursue a career in the field, making the best use of their own skills.

The Initiative includes the organization of outreach events, the creation of a mentorship programme, and the conveying of workshops and meetings.

The Second Outreach Event

The Second Outreach Event will be dedicated to the European Union and its non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control policies and work.

How has the arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament regime changed over the years? What role does the EU play in promoting arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament? What are its major achievements in the field? What does it mean to work in this field and what are the most needed skills in this field of work? How can more women and young people be engaged?

Starting from these questions, the second outreach event will provide students and young professionals the opportunity to learn about the non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament regime hearing from prominent experts and leading figures in the field. By talking about their direct experience and lessons learned, the experts will provide the participants with invaluable insights and information. Following the experts' remarks, the panel will be open for questions and comments from the audience. The webinar will be broadly advertised and open to a broad audience.

The Outreach event, will be held virtually on *29 April 2021 from 15:00 to 16:30 Central European Summer Time (CEST)*.



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Tentative Agenda

14:50 Registration and Access to the Virtual Room

15:00 **Welcome Address**

Ettore Greco, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

15:10 **Moderator:**

Elena Sokova, Executive Director of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Panellists

Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe, former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

Marjolijn van Deelen, Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European Union External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Sibylle Bauer, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm

Q&A

16:15 **Meeting Ends**

