

Mentors and Mentees of the YWNGI Mentorship Programme at the 2022 EUNPD Conference

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Mentors, Mentees and organizers of the YWNGI Mentorship Programme

The Annual Conference of the **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC)**, a major international event that gathers every year non-proliferation and disarmament experts from governmental and non-governmental institutions worldwide, was held in Brussels on 14-15 November 2022.

Mentors and Mentees of the 2022-2023 edition of the **Young Women and Next Generation Initiative (YWNGI) Mentorship Programme** were invited to attend the Annual Conference as well as the **Next Generation Workshop**, which was held back to back with the Conference.

Participation in the EUNPD events gave an opportunity to Mentors and Mentees to meet in person, building upon their virtual engagement and strengthening the relations they have developed since the start of the Programme in September 2022. It also allowed them to be exposed first-hand to discussions on non-proliferation and disarmament and to meet with leading and emerging experts in the field.

At the end of the Conference, Mentors and Mentees were invited to a dedicated session to discuss the outcomes of the events, provide feedback and an assessment of the Mentorship Programme thus far, as well as discuss future interests and activities.



Mentees of the YWNGI 2022-2023 Mentorship Programme

In addition, Stella Blumfelde and Emily Faux, former Mentees of the Programme, were invited by the Conference organizing committee to present their research and deliver remarks.



Stella Blumfelde, YWNGI 2021-2022 Mentorship Programme, delivering a presentation on Cyber Security



Emily Faux, YWNGI 2021-2022 Mentorship Programme, speaking in the concluding session of the EUNPD Conference

The YWNGI Mentorship Programme was established in 2021 by the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation and the Istituto Affari Internazionali in the framework of the EUNPDC. The Programme annually pairs 20 young women (Mentees), carefully chosen through a highly competitive selection process, with well-established experts (Mentors) to engage in a mentoring relationship that envisions, among other things, regular video or in-person meetings. Mentees are also expected to attend conferences, seminars, social events, and other activities, focused on networking and career opportunities.

More information about the Young Women and Next Generation Initiative (YWNGI) and the Mentorship Programme can be found below:

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