



**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 EUNPD Consortium: INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND NEXT GEN SCHOLARS**

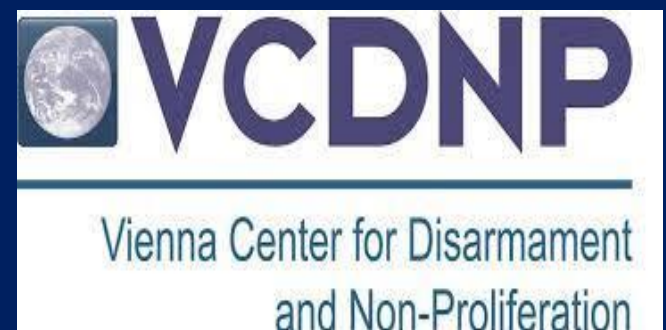
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# History

- **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

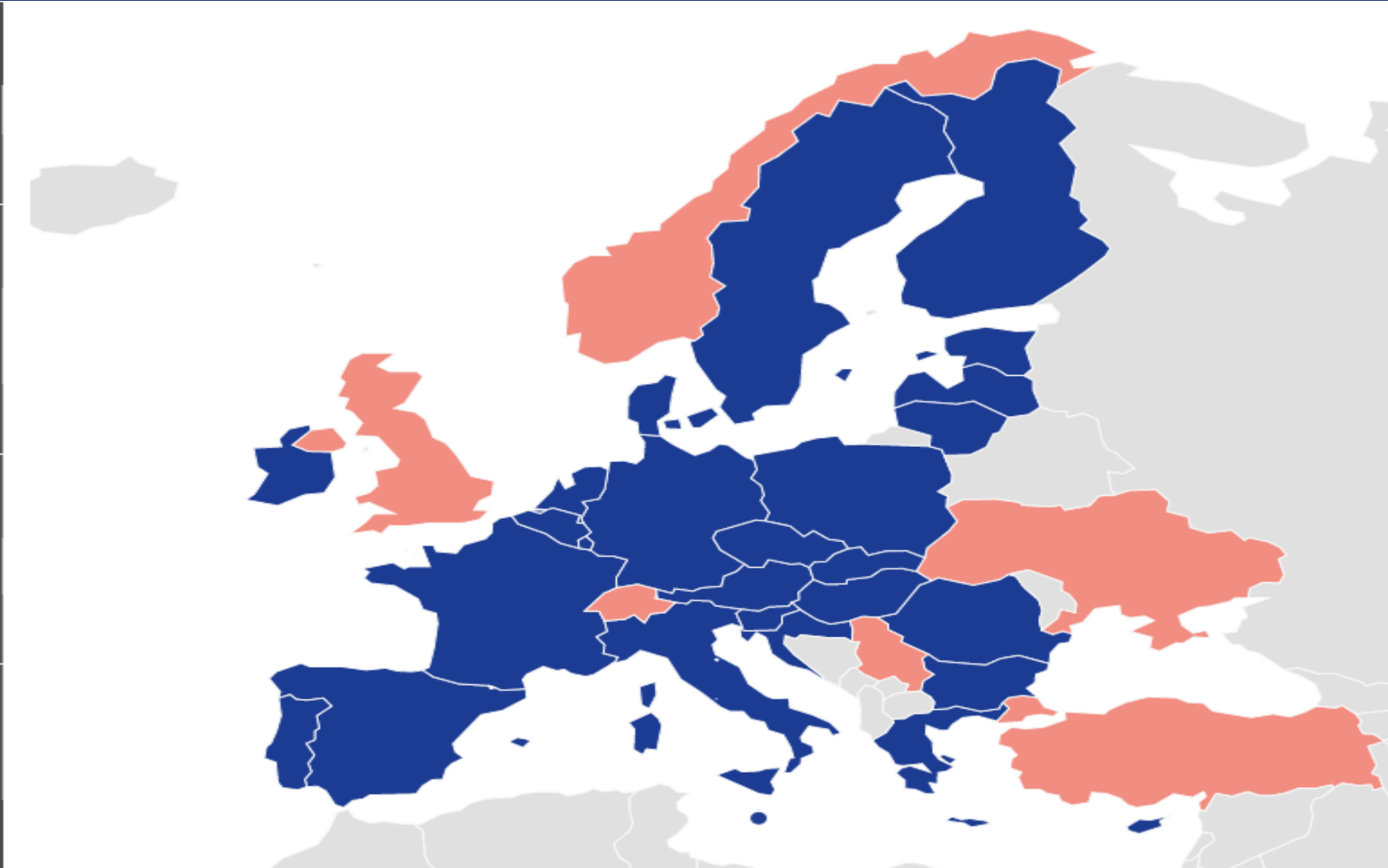


All 27

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

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



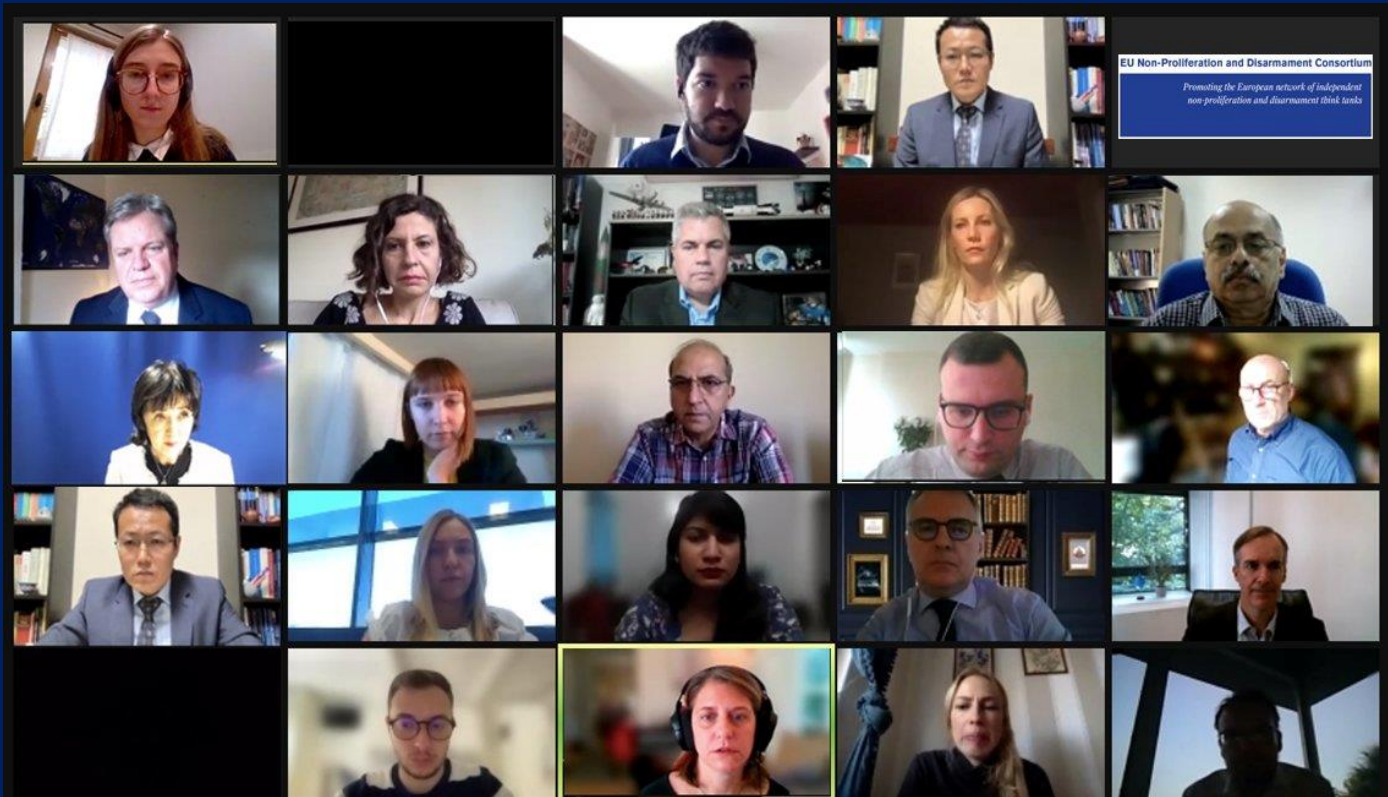
# EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Papers



- 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 of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium eLearning, a search bar for learning units, 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 about the course. At the bottom, four key statistics are listed: 20 Learning Units, 195 Videos, 30 Experts, and 2 Certificates.

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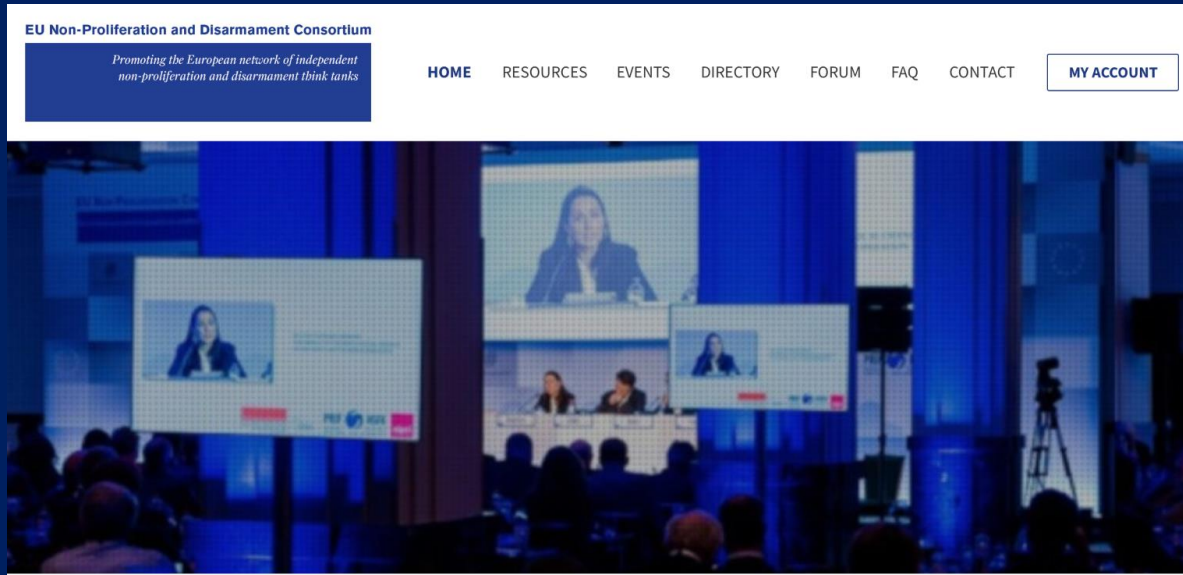
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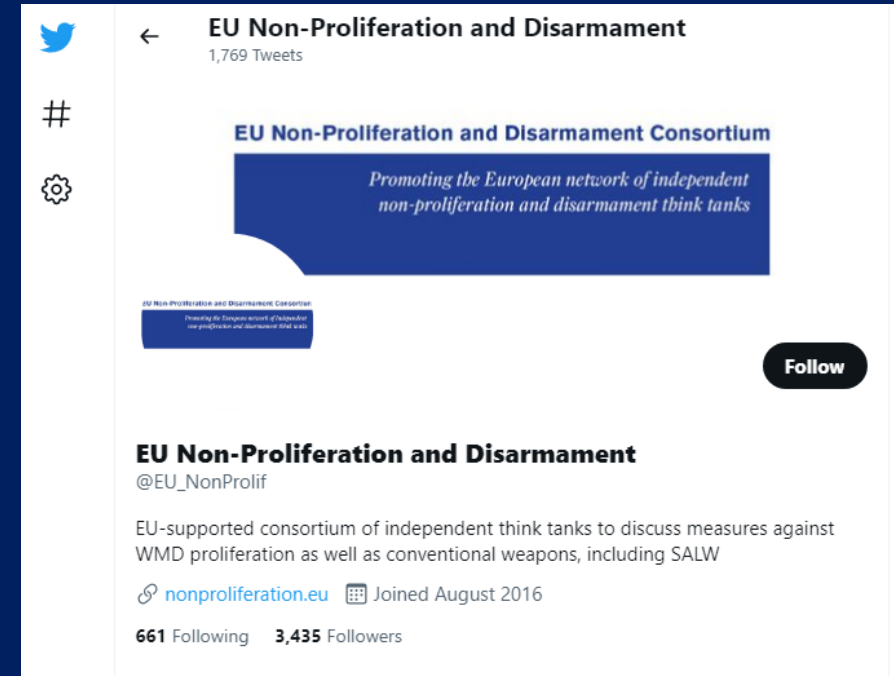
This course aims to cover all aspects of the EU non-proliferation and disarmament agenda and provide a comprehensive knowledge resource. Both the course and the certification are offered free of charge. Watch the trailer for a quick overview or jump right in!

<b>20 Learning Units</b> on arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation	<b>195 Videos</b> lectures, videos, animations	<b>30 Experts</b> from European think tanks and the EU	<b>2 Certificates</b> pass exams and prove your knowledge
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# 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)

# E-newsletter

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### **Priorities and challenges of the Czech presidency of the EU, an interview with Ondřej Ditrych**



Ondřej Ditrych has been the Director of the Prague Institute of International Relations since 2018. He studied international relations at the University of Cambridge (MPhil.) and the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University (Ph.D.), where is now Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations. His professional interests include terrorism and revolutionary violence in global politics, NATO and European security, ethnopolitical conflicts in the post-Soviet space and global trends and their predictions.

What security policy issues do you expect the Czech government to prioritise during its EU presidency term?

How do you assess divisions within the Visegrad Group (V4) regarding relations with Russia?

### **Russia and the threat of Nuclear Armageddon**

In the traditional "grammar" of nuclear deterrence, threats to use nuclear weapons were both implicit and defensive, backed by demonstrations of capability. Russia's invasion of Ukraine reversed this trend in several ways. Drills of Russian strategic deterrent forces were conducted officially to "test [their] readiness" and "train [them] to inflict a guaranteed defeat on the enemy". Poland and Lithuania were identified as targets for short-range Iskander nuclear-capable missile attacks from Kaliningrad, or with Yars intercontinental nuclear missiles. Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered "the deterrent forces of the Russian armed forces on special combat alert".

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- For further information about these initiatives please visit our website:
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Thank you very much for your attention!!

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