



WORKSHOP ON EU DEFENCE AND SECURITY  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ROOM PHS 1C51  
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## HOW TO FORGE A PEACE AND RIGHTS-BASED EU ANSWER TO SECURITY THREATS

This workshop will present the conclusions of three recent reports of the Centre for Peace Studies J.M. Delàs, addressing in particular EU funding for the defence sector, external borders control, and European arms exports; altogether these reports showcase the current trends of EU defence and security policies.

The reports' outcomes and other experts' contributions will be the basis for a discussion between civil society and political representatives on how to influence the current EU defence, security and migration policies and what an alternative peace and rights-based approach could be.

*One-way translation from Spanish to English*

**Limited seats, please [REGISTER here](#)**



The workshop “How to forge a peace and rights-based EU answer to security threats” is organised by Centre Delàs of Peace Studies within the framework of four projects which analyse different aspects of European militarization:

- The project "Critical analysis and action for the accountability of local and regional actors of the military economic cycle in the face of human rights violations", which counts with funding from the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD), aims to introduce in the European political agenda the results of the research on the agents taking part in the military industrial complex.
- "Disarming conflicts and tensions, protecting human rights, reducing European arms exports" funded by Diputació de Barcelona contributes new analysis inputs about European arms trade to countries in conflict and human rights violations.
- “Necropolitics and border’s militarization” funded by Barcelona’s City Council, which sheds light on European border control and on the role of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) on the criminalization and securitization of migratory fluxes.

Besides this, the conference introduces a central line of work of Centre Delàs: military spending within the military economic cycle, an essential item in the construction of security narratives. The Centre Delàs of Peace Studies works as a decentralised office of the International Peace Bureau in Barcelona with the main mission of coordinating the Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS). For this purpose it receives funding of Barcelona's City Council within the framework of the project "Widening the advocacy work of the IPB and the GCOMS campaign in Barcelona".

This workshop is kindly hosted by the member of the European Parliament Miguel Urbán of the parliamentary group of the European United Left and Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), who has collaborated facilitating the venue and with all logistics aspects of the conference within the Parliament.

The goal of these conferences is to reach as many members of the European Parliament as possible and for that purpose some of the MEPs more strongly connected to these issues have been invited, both as speakers and moderators. Furthermore, an invitation to attend the conference has been issued to MEPs of the main parties with representation in the European Parliament that directly work on these matters.

# PROGRAMME

**09:00 - Welcoming and introduction to the workshop: host MEP Miguel Urban (Unidas Podemos, GUE/NGL) and Jordi Calvo, coordinator of Centre Delàs of Peace Studies**

**09:10 to 10:15 - Session 1: EU arms exports and their impact on conflicts**

- 09:10 Why the EU Common Position cannot prevent problematic arms exports?  
*MEP Hannah Neumann, Die Grünen, Greens/EFA*  
*MEP Özlem Demirel, Die Linke, GUE/NGL*
- 09:25 Impact of EU arms transfers to countries in conflict, Centre Delàs Report  
*Dr. Jordi Calvo, Researcher, Centre Delàs; IPB vice-president, GCOMS coordinator*
- 09:45 Debate: Can EU arms exports be ethical?  
*(moderation by MEP Özlem Demirel, Die Linke, GUE/NGL)*

**10:15 to 11:20 - Session 2: Migration policies and militarisation of EU borders management**

- 10:15 External border control systems and risks of human rights infringements  
*Ainhoa Ruiz, Researcher, Centre Delàs*
- 10:35 EU migration policies in the next EU Multi-Financial Framework  
*Catherine Woollard, Director, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)*
- 10:50 Debate: How to advance a rights-based EU migration policy?  
*(moderation by Wendela de Vries, Stop Wapenhandel)*
- 11:20 Coffee break

**11:45 to 12:50 - Session 3: Is the EU still a peace-led project?**

- 11:45 European Defence Fund and increasing military spending  
*Laëtitia Sédou, EU Programme officer, ENAAT*  
*Quique Sánchez, officer, Centre Delàs & Global Campaign On Military Spending - GCOMS*
- 12:05 EU added-value for non-violent alternatives  
*Clémence Buchet-Couzy, Peace Programme assistant, Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA)*
- 12:20 Debate: How could the EU make a real difference for peace?  
*(moderation by MEP Miguel Urban, Unidas Podemos, GUE/NGL)*

**12:50 - Closing remarks by host MEP Miguel Urban - Unidas Podemos, GUE/NGL**

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The Centre Delàs of Peace Studies is a collaborator of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a member of the European Network Against Arms Trade (ENAAT), the Spanish Association of Research for Peace (AIPAZ), the International Peace Bureau (IPB), War Resisters International (WRI), International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and of the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW).