



Webinar by the Mayors for Peace European Chapter
In partnership with the NFLA, ICAN and UCLG

Nuclear Disarmament and International Security

The role of local governments and peace municipalism

When Online, 25 May 2022, 10 AM - 11 AM (CET) **Interpretation** English, French, Spanish

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This event aims at informing local governments and partners of the 1st Meeting of States Parties (1MSP) of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

The webinar will foster local governments' engagement with this issue and their involvement in securing their respective countries' participation in the MSP1.

It will bring together key partners of Mayors for Peace, local government practitioners, advocates and experts to discuss the relevance of nuclear disarmament for achieving security and to explore pathways for local government to advance this vision.

PROGRAM

10h Mayors for Peace welcome remarks

10h05 - 10h25 Setting the stage - Opportunities of the 2022 1MSP with Alexander Kmentt (President-designate of the 1MSP), Beatrice Fihn (Executive Director of ICAN), David Blackburn (NFLA Chair) and United Cities and Local Governments (TBC)

10h25 - 10h45 Local voices and call to action - The role of local governments in the MSP1

10h45 - 10h55 Open discussion and Q&A

10h55 - 11h Conclusions by the Chair of the Mayors for Peace European Chapter

CONTEXT: TPNW AND MSP1

The adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in 2017 propelled the nuclear disarmament agenda and set the stage for bolder global action on this matter. More governments join the TPNW each year and the impact of the Treaty's ratification can already be felt in key areas like investment financing, public attitudes towards the nuclear ban and non-proliferation negotiations.

The ongoing War of Ukraine highlights the existential threat that nuclear weapons represent to all humanity. The risk of nuclear escalation is clearer than ever, showing that our international security model cannot rest on nuclear deterrence. The risk is too high: the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons would be unbearable for humanity.

Local governments and peace municipalism have long been a key support of the nuclear disarmament agenda and stand ready to renew their efforts in 2022, joining its partners in government and civil society at Vienna's First Meeting of TPNW States Parties (1MSP) (21-23 June 2022). Local governments are mobilizing to ensure their national governments attend the Meeting and that the voices of their fellow citizens in support of the TPNW are well heard during the conference.

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