

Proposal for the Meeting March 25th 2018 in Brussels

Counter summit “No to war – No to NATO”, Brussel July 8th or 9th 2018

Overworked paper after the discussions in Brussel, January 27th and the telephone conference, February 28th

All names are suggestions, discussed at the telephone conference

Start 10.00 till 12.30

Music or film

Welcome

Greetings *Ludo de Brabander/Kristine Karch*

10.30 “Give the victims of NATO face”. Testimonials of victims of NATO aggressions

11.15 Opening plenary:

- NATO: global military alliance for war and intervention (*Christian (France) and Joseph Gerson (USA)*)
- World Wide/NATO military spending *Ludo de Brabander*
- European Militarization (PESCO) *Sabine Lösing*
- Nuclear weapons: the biggest danger *Arielle Denis*
- Women and war: militarization pure *Cynthia Cockburn*

Every lecture 10 Minutes, following by a discussion between the speakers and the participants

12.30 till 1.30 Plenary: information to actions and campaigns against NATO and military spending: three minutes each plus one minute question (*Moderation Kate Hudson, Reiner Braun*)

1.30 till 2.15 lunch break

2.15 till 3.45 Workshops (*the names are the coordinator*)

- a. NATO strategy and abolition, including disarmament, nuclear weapons free world, (*Ludo*)
- b. Europe of Peace, (*Judith Benda and Claudia Haydt*)
- c. women and war (*Kristine*)
- d. Drones and automatization of weapons (*Dave Webb*)
- e. Arms export (*ENAT*)
- f. Military basis (**new**) (*Michael Youlton and Reiner*)
- g. Nuclear weapons (**new**)(*Italy*)

4.00 till 6.00 final session

-- Reports from the working groups with the focus on: what to do

-- Podium discussion "Strategies for sustainable Peace, non violent and disarmament with speakers from the trade union, churches, environmental, globalization critical and peace movement (*Panelists: Pat Elder (world beyond war, USA), Greet Vanaerschot (pax christi), (Jadoda Munic FoE), NN (trade unions Belgien), Reiner*

6.00 closing remarks and music

Start at .7.30 pm cultural event and party

Notes:

1. One result of the counter summit could be the preparation of
 - A NATO tribunal for 2019 (70 years anniversary of NATO)
 - Action in Brussel before the EU elections to EU militarization and against military spending
2. We want to organize an interactive counter summit, details have to be discussed in the working group
3. Refugees are welcome and will be developed as a cross topic and should be discussed under different aspects
4. Alternatives to NATO should be discussed in the different workshops