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Many apologies for the SPAM mail yesterday:

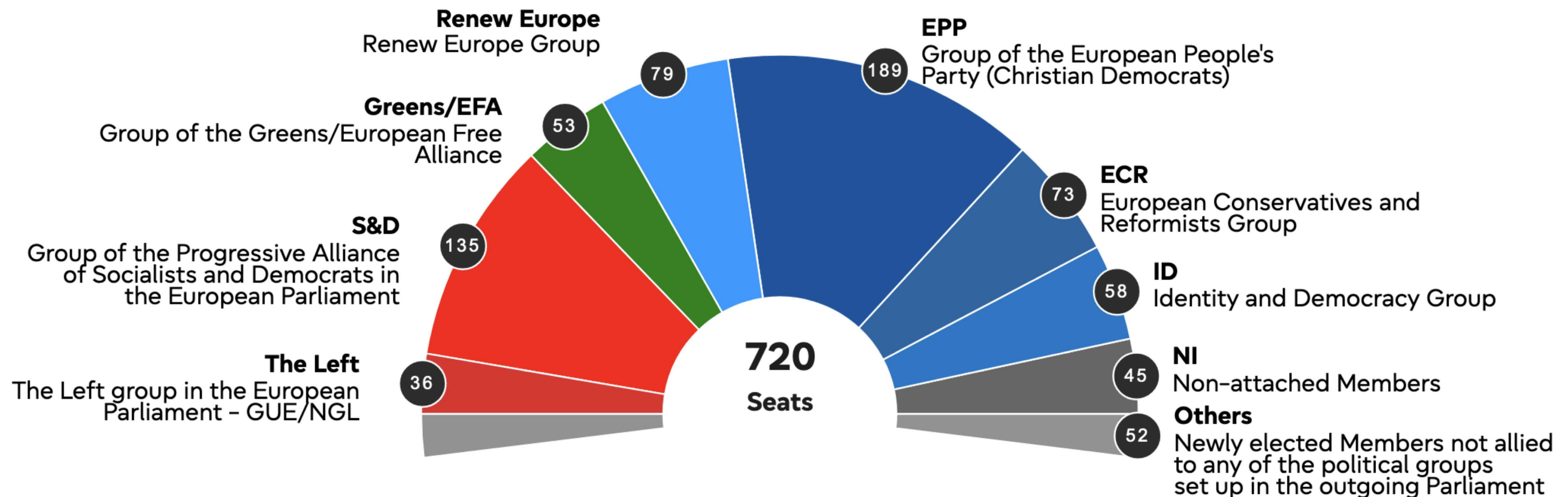
- should not have been send to the whole group
- should not have included all addresses

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EU parliament elections



European Election Results 2024



• Germany: [Tagesschau](#)

• France: [DFI](#)

- Right:: 15.9 % + 4.9
- Green: 11.9 % - 8,6 %
- Conserbvative: 30.0 + 1%
- Left: 8.9 % + 3.4 %

- RN: 31.4 % + 8 %
- Green: 5.5 % - 8%
- Besoin d"Europe: 14.6 -7.8 %
- Left: 9,9% + 3.6 %

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News: Israel – Gaza war



We are living in difficult times:

- the Israel – Gaza war is still continuing, with many more people killed every day, now more than 37 000
 - on Jan 2024 [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#) ordered to do not commit acts of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza
 - on 20 May 2024 [International Criminal Court](#) seeking arrest warrants for senior Hamas and Israeli officials for war crimes and crimes against humanity, including the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and his defence minister, Yoav Gallant.
 - on [24 May 2024 the ICJ ordered](#), that “Israel shall (...) immediately halt its military offensive and any other action in the Rafah governorate ... “
 - on 28 May, Ireland, Norway and Spain recognized [Palestinian state](#)
 - on May 2024, “
[Spying, hacking and intimidation: Israel’s nine-year ‘war’ on the ICC exposed](#)
 - on June 10 2024 UN security council decides on resolution for ceasefire ([link](#))

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Petition from Avaaz on Israeli participation in Olympics:

- [Ban Israel from Olympics](#)
 - Is there double standard ?
 - We as Science4Peace do not sign the petition, but every person is free to do it

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Declaration:

Prevent nuclear MADness in Europe

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News: Israel – Gaza war



Declaration against Nuclear War
Risk released:

Prevent nuclear MADness in Europe!

- together with NatWiss

In November 2022, the Science4Peace Forum, together with other organizations, has launched an appeal "[No First Use, Never Any Use of Nuclear Weapons](#)", with many Nobel Price winners among the signatories. In this appeal, the war against Ukraine is strongly condemned, and we warned very clearly of further escalation up to using nuclear weapons.

The events of the last weeks and days, with the decisions to use weapons supplied by western countries to attack inside Russia, as reaction of attacks from Russia, which we condemn in strongest terms, has brought us closer to a nuclear inferno.

The Science4Peace Forum, together with NatWiss Verantwortung für Frieden und Zukunftsfähigkeit e.V., has released an update to the appeal "[No First Use, Never Any Use of Nuclear Weapons](#)" warning of the now much increased risk of a nuclear war.

Prevent nuclear MADness in Europe!

The French President Emanuel Macron and other leaders of Western countries made [statements](#), Ukraine should be allowed to use weapons of its allies to “neutralize” Russian military bases used to fire missiles into Ukraine. In response, the Russian President Vladimir Putin warned of “[serious consequences](#)” if Russia is struck with Western weapons.

A few days ago, a Ukrainian [attack](#) on Russian Nuclear Early-Warning systems was reported. From an analysis of the [Austrian Army Website](#), this could mean crossing the red-line to a nuclear war.

With the option of risking the use of nuclear weapons, we as scientists and responsible people cannot stay silent: Following the doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction ([MAD](#)), a nuclear attack from any side would unavoidably create responses and retaliations from the other side, and in a very short time could escalate to a full nuclear war, killing and destroying much of human civilization. This is not a hysteric scenario, but is backed up by serious scientific [studies](#).

The [Doomsday Clock](#) by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, which indicates the risks for a nuclear war, is at 90 seconds before midnight.

We are seriously alerted and afraid, that political leaders are escalating the risk of a nuclear war, obviously being blind to the consequences.

We call upon everybody to speak out loud and clear, this is

NOT IN OUR NAME and NOT IN OUR INTEREST

We are not in the world to kill each other nor to die in a battle which is initiated by irresponsible and ignorant political leaders.

We are in the world to make life livable for everybody and to create conditions, where all beings can live in peace together.

(sign here on <https://www.change.org/p/no-first-use-never-any-use-of-nuclear-weapons>)

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Declaration:

No cooperation with military

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Science in war times



- **Situation in Palestine – shocking**

- please look at the recording from [RoundTableDiscussion](#) from May 15
- discussion on cooperation with institutes involved in war:
 - The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS-KNAW): Standing up for academic freedoms for all scholars ([link](#)):
 - NIAS will not invite to any of its activities or venues Israeli State officials, Israel-lobby group members and/or associates;
 - NIAS staff will not take part in events anywhere that are (known to be) organized or sponsored by the State of Israel;
 - NIAS will not accept bilateral funding from the State of Israel or from Israeli universities and research institutes. There are currently no such projects ongoing at NIAS;
 - NIAS will not end its participation in the formal global and European intervision networks in which it takes part, and of which the Israeli Institute for Advanced Study is a member. While remaining part of such networks, NIAS will uphold all above given policy lines;

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- **Discussion on Civil Clause:**

- at many (german and other) universities, civil clause are in place, limiting research to peaceful purpose → similar as at CERN and DESY ?
- political attacks on civil clause in recent times
- **NEW** [Referee Report 2024 of Expert Commission Research and Innovation:](#)
 - **remove strict divide between military and civil research**
 - support of spillover and dual use
 - examples: DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) in US and [military unit 8200](#) in Israel
 - together with [Martin B. Kalinowski](#) we prepare a **declaration/statement** to very strongly oppose attempts to bring military research into universities and research institutions (**draft**)
 - need for discussion

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Declaration



• **No to scientific cooperation with military**

We are alarmed by a strong trend towards enhanced exploitation of science for military purposes. The 2024 report of the German Expert Panel for Research and Innovation recommends an end of the strict divide between civil and military research that is a widely accepted norm since many decades. The scientific advisors are referring as a “prominent example” to the Israeli Military Intelligence-Unit 8200, which plays a significant role in the Gaza war.

The war on Gaza, with more than 35 000 people killed and many more wounded, demolition of infrastructure, buildings, schools, universities and hospitals has triggered international protest at universities and research institutions, calling for a stop of scientific cooperation with institutes involved directly or indirectly in the war.

We are also alarmed by advertisements launched by the European Defense Fund (EDF) offering funding for joint projects.

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Declaration (cont'd)



In the spirit of the commitment of the Science Council of Japan (SCJ) from 1950 and renewed in 2017 to never become engaged in scientific research for war purposes we declare, that

- we will not cooperate with any university institute or research institute actively involved in research for and support of a war
- we are committed to never become engaged in scientific research for war
- we call on universities and research institutes to adopt the Civil Clause for peaceful research
- we reject any attempt to allow military to play any role in university research and research funding

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CERN council meeting next week

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Cooperation Agreements at CERN



- next week CERN council meeting – decision on Cooperation with JINR
 - article in [TheTimes](#) on participation of Russian scientists at CERN (thanks A. Ali for forwarding this article).
 - “Nuclear research body is backdoor for Russian spies, says Ukraine”
 - “Borys Grynyov, the Ukrainian delegation’s representative, has written to council members urging them to vote against *(keeping cooperation with JINR)*”
 - A petition set up by a group of researchers from various countries said: *“These sanctions will not help to achieve a ceasefire or resolve the conflict. On the contrary, these measures will isolate Russian and Belarusian scientists and decouple them from international discussions, in science and elsewhere.”*
 - A spokesman for CERN said: *“.... CERN is an international scientific organisation doing fundamental research in particle physics. By constitution, CERN is doing peaceful research and open science, also meaning that anything we do is accessible to all.”*

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Cooperation Agreements at CERN (cont'd)



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- Is there anything we can/should do before the CERN council meeting next week ?
 - can we still give additional arguments to keep cooperation with JINR ?
 - what about cooperation with Israeli institutes – shouldn't at least same rules apply ?

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Declaration against Nuclear Arms Research

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Declaration against Nuclear Arms Research I



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Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment

Recent statements by German and other European politicians have claimed the necessity of a nuclear weapon shield under European control. Such ideas are highly alarming and deserve strongest condemnation. Not only is the proliferation of nuclear weapon *illegal* under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (in German: Atomwaffensperrvertrag), it is also incredibly irresponsible as it tears open “Pandora’s box”, thus significantly increasing the risk of a nuclear disaster. In such a scenario, the European Commission would not only be given direct control over “the red button”, it would also make Europe the focus of nuclear bombing.

We understand that the implementation of a European nuclear armament program will require the active contribution of nuclear experts. Therefore we, the undersigned physicists and nuclear physicists, mathematicians, computer engineers as well as other scientists and engineers and people with an understanding of nuclear fission, declare as follows:

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Declaration against Nuclear Arms Research II



[Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment \(cont'd\)](#)

- 1) We hereby commit ourselves to the spirit of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states in Article IV.2 that the common goal is to “pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.”
- 2) We individually promise that we shall never use our expertise in any way that may contribute to, or to promote a European nuclear armament program; nor shall we support any other country's plans to develop or build nuclear arms.
- 3) We declare our unrestrained solidarity with any researcher who is removed from his/her job or hindered in his/her career due to a refusal to work on, or contribute to nuclear armament projects as mentioned above.

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[Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment \(cont'd\)](#)

- 4) We declare that we shall not share our knowledge with any party or persons inclined to use this knowledge for doing research on or developing nuclear armaments.
- 5) We declare that, in the relevant discussions with (our) students or public, we will share our knowledge on the irreversible annihilation caused by a nuclear war
- 6) We will, to the extent possible, try to make public any attempt of governments or public administrations calling on universities or research groups to engage individual researchers or entire institutions to work on the development of nuclear weaponry and/or nuclear arms maintenance.

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- How can we publicize this declaration and get many organizations to support it and collect signatures from individuals ?

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- Science4Peace Webpage: <https://science4peace.com/>
 - [Science4Peace](#) Fund
 - source can be used to support with a small amount scientists
 - donations can be made online with PayPal

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 - collection of links to statements from research institutions
 - public events (like this one, with slides)
 - any other further infos
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