

Opening civil research facilities to military projects is

NOT IN OUR NAME !

In a [white paper](#) of January 2024, the EU Commission called for a special effort to promote of research with both civil and military objectives (dual-use research). Similarly, in a [position paper](#) of March 2024 the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) called for the deepening of cooperation between civilian and military research institutions and for establishing "funding incentives for increased cooperation between civilian and military research." Moreover, In its annual [report for 2024](#), the "Research and Innovation" Expert Commission proposed dissolving the previous separation between civil and military research.

This reorientation is in fundamental contradiction to the spirit of civilian research following the experiences of World War II: the [Science Council of Japan](#) vowed in 1950 "*to never become engaged in scientific research for war purposes.*" At the international research center CERN, where the Higgs Boson was found in 2012, the [convention](#) of 1954 demands explicitly that it "*shall have no concern with work for military requirements*", and at the Helmholtz Research Center DESY in Germany the [guiding principles](#) stipulate that "... research serves exclusively civilian and peaceful purposes". Moreover, many universities have adopted so-called [Civil Clauses](#) to focus voluntarily their research and teaching to purely civilian and peaceful purposes.

At DESY the directorate has recently initiated a [discussion](#) whether the restriction of research to civilian and peaceful purposes is still adequate, or whether military research should be allowed at the laboratory.

Opening up civilian research centers for military purposes would imply:

- a threat to international scientific cooperation
- restrictions for international visitors
- access restrictions and increased security measures in laboratories
- the exclusion of scientists from certain ("unfriendly") countries
- the end of the peace-building mission of science and the end of the Science For Peace ideal
- the end of open-access to scientific results and the end of open science.

We demand the intensification of civilian and peace-building research instead of opening civilian facilities to military research. Only in this way can we cope with the big, pressing global problems such as climate change and social justice, contribute to diminishing the ever increasing danger of nuclear war, create a livelihood for everyone on earth, and survive as humanity.

We, the undersigned scientists and employees at research institutions,

- 🗣️ **confirm** explicitly our refusal to participate in any form in projects with military objectives (according to the CERN Convention and the declaration of the Science Council of Japan)
- 🗣️ **urge** that the civil clauses become standard for research in the civilized world and be expanded so that they become a template for international cooperation,
- 🗣️ **urge** the expansion of international scientific cooperation with civilian objectives, in accordance with the civil clauses, in order to be able to solve the important and pressing questions of humanity,
- 🗣️ **advocate** the rebuilding of educational institutions destroyed by wars and promoting scientific cooperation with all regions affected by war and conflict within the framework of UNESCO's educational work and scientific cooperation.