

80 years after the end of the Second World War: Building peace and collective security

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June 11th

**16:30-17:15
War Never Return"**

"On the 80th Anniversary of Victory: May the Barbarity of Fascism and

Moderator - MEP Konstantinos Arvanitis

Greeting by Alexis Tsipras, former Prime Minister of Greece (Video recording)

Sokratis Famellos, President of Syriza, Member of the Greek Parliament

Oezlem Demirel, Member of the European Parliament for Die Linke

Maria Grazia Galantino, Professor of Sociology (Sapienza University of Rome/Archivio Disarmo)

Aida Touma-Sliman, Mk Hadash

17:15-17:30

Break

17:30-19:00

“The Importance of the struggle for Disarmament and Peace”

Moderator - MEP Estrella Galan

Walter Baier, Communist Party of Austria

Eleni Mavrou, Member of the Political Bureau of AKEL

Dr. Luigi Daniele, Senior Lecturer and Module Leader in Laws of Armed Conflict (LLB), Public International and Humanitarian Law (LLM), and International, European and Comparative Law (DL) at Nottingham Law School

David Pestieau, Political Director of PTB

Q&A - 20 min

Conclusions - MEP Danilo Della Valle

June 12th

09:30-11:00

"No to Warmongering Escalation – For Collective Security in Europe"

Moderator - MEP Giorgos Georgiou

Clare Daly, former MEP for Ireland

Jorge Aires, Retired Major General of Portuguese Army

Charis Pashias, Secretary General of Cyprus' Peace Council

Christophe Wasinski, Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Willy Meyer, Author of "Common, human and democratic security: an alternative to current defense and security model (2023)", former MEP for Spain

Q&A - 20 min

11:00-11:15

Break

11:15-12:30

"Rights, Not Cannons! More Money for Rights and Social Progress — Not for Armaments and War"

Moderator - MEP Marc Botenga

Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, former leader of the Labour Party

José Goulão, Journalist, writer and international affairs analyst

Patricia Parga Vega, Intal activist & PTB's MP of the Brussels parliament

Antonio Maillo, Secretary General of Izquierda Unida

Q&A - 15 min

Conclusions - Joao Oliveira