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Stop the War Coalition Great Britain



Stop the War Coalition Greece

**International Preparatory Conference
 for the Anti-NATO activities
 related to the 60th anniversary of NATO**

4th and 5th October 2008

Stuttgart, Germany



Cooperation for Peace Germany

*We will discuss NATO's 60th anniversary in May 2009,
 which will be celebrated with an
 official summit in Strasbourg and Kehl.*



Federal Committee Peace Council Germany

We believe:

Sixty years of NATO are enough. NATO is the main driving force behind global war. NATO stands for the missile defence system, military bases around the world, nuclear weapons and military interventions and expenditure. NATO is a rival to the UN and the system of international law. NATO is intertwined with the European security and defence system. But NATO is not all-powerful, indeed it is under extreme pressure right now in Afghanistan.

At our conference we want to discuss together with the international peace movements and other social movements, activities for 60th anniversary, to build huge common actions. We want to spread our information to engage more initiatives in a broad coalition for this important historical moment.

With the conference and its preparations in different countries, we want to start with a democratic process of collaboration.

We want to build broad international coalition including different social movements, environmental and human rights movements from all over the world to show our (different) reasons to be against NATO.

Our dream is: Under a common umbrella, imaginative actions like counter summits, manifestations, camps, festivals and so on should be worked out.

We started our preparations at the international Afghanistan conference in Hanover on June 8/9th. There we founded an international Network against the NATO anniversary with organisations from 11 countries, and established a small preparatory committee, which prepared the invitation to the conference in Stuttgart.

Member of this open preparation committee include: Arielle Denis (Le Mouvement de la Paix, France), Reiner Braun (IALANA, speaker of Cooperation for Peace, Germany), Chris Nineham (Stop the War Coalition, UK), Tobias Pflüger (MEP, IMI, Germany), Thomas Magnusson (International Peace Bureau, Sweden), Sotiris Kontogiannis (Stop the War Coalition, Greece), Elaheh Rostami Povey (Stop the War Coalition, UK/Iran), Peter Strutynski (Federal Committee Peace Council, Germany)

Meanwhile there have been national preparatory conferences and other events, for example in France, Germany, Belgium, Turkey, USA, etc.

We will meet up for a special **Anti NATO Forum** in Malmö at the European Social Forum (ESF) 2008 September 17-21. www.esf2008.org
For more information please contact Arielle Denis arielle.denis@mvtpaix.org

Now we want to invite you to the central preparatory conference where we plan to join all our efforts, our different actions and activities.

The conference will take place:

October 4th and 5th,

Stuttgart, Germany

Start October 4th at 11.00 a.m.

End October 5th by 2 p.m.

In Stuttgart, Germany, Gymnasium or Center of the Evangelical Church
[location to be decided later].

We want to propose you the following ideas for the agenda:

First day:

1. Welcome - by Reiner Braun for the Preparatory Committee
2. Short introduction of all participants
3. Lecture and discussion: why we are facing NATO - by Tomas Magnusson and Peter Strutynski,
4. Introduction to the actions – first ideas which were coming up by the different preparatory meetings - by Arielle Denis and Sotiris Kontogiannis
5. Working groups: our goals and strategy
6. Report of the working groups

Second day:

1. Introduction: where we are staying - by Reiner Braun and Chris Nineham
2. Planning working group: which action will be prepared by whom
3. Closing session:
 - a. Common actions
 - b. Organisational questions
 - c. Establishment of organizing structures

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These are only first ideas for the **agenda**

We are waiting for your response and will include your ideas and proposals in the structure of the conference.

For any ideas please contact:

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First announcement for the organisational questions:

The German Peace movement, above all in the local area, will take care of the practical organisation.

For **registration** and more information please contact:

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We will try to help you with cheap **accommodation**.

We are looking for private accommodation, bed and breakfast and cheap hotels.

Please contact:

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Please have in mind that we have very limited funds for the conference and cannot pay any travelling and accommodation costs.

We are waiting with great interest for your response.

All the best!

Arielle Denis

Reiner Braun

On behalf of the Preparatory Committee