



Decalogue on the role of European local governments and peace municipalism in 2022 and 2023

A local-regional roadmap for the
elimination of nuclear weapons and
building peace and security in Europe

This document reflects key priorities expressed by members and partners of the Mayors for Peace European Chapter participating in the First Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW, held in Vienna from 21 to 23 June 2022. These proposals will promote the outcomes of the 1MSP - chiefly, the MSP Declaration and Action Plan - through local government mobilization, campaigning and policy-making. They will also contribute to the implementation of the Mayors for Peace PX Vision "For a Peaceful Transformation to a Sustainable World" and strengthen cooperation with key partners of our network, including civil society and other city networks.

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The Decalogue in a nutshell

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6. Promoting **systemic** change for peace
7. Expanding **municipal solidarity** pathways for peace
8. Consolidating a more coherent **narrative** on peace and security
9. Advancing a **culture of peace** and “Cities and Urban Territories of Peace”
10. Strengthening **coordination** between members

1. Working with more local governments in more places

We will strive to reach more local governments and to expand the network and the number of mayors who signed the [Cities Appeal](#). We will particularly focus on those European countries where Mayors for Peace has less representation. We will support small municipalities and those with less resources in particular, trying to adapt our activities and proposals in accordance to their specific needs and priorities.

In order to achieve these goals, we will map and explore our collective capacities (twinning agreements, participation in national, regional and international networks) and work in coordination with the Mayors for Peace secretariat. We will organize events to welcome these members, to exchange views and share our network's values with them and to support the establishment of new national chapters.

2. Exploring what can local governments do

We will bring forward our commitment to the [ICAN Cities Appeal](#) and explore potential pathways for local governments to advance its implementation and the elimination of nuclear weapons. These initiatives will follow-up on the conclusions of [our webinar](#) exploring local initiatives on advocacy, awareness raising and public procurement.

We will promote the [1MSP Declaration and Action Plan](#), which focus, beyond advocacy activities, in helping people and places harmed by nuclear weapons and promoting international cooperation and assistance through a gender-based perspective.

In order to achieve these goals, we will organize peer learning events, share information on promising practices and promote them among members and partners.

3. Promoting collective advocacy initiatives

We will reinforce our advocacy initiatives to get more countries to adopt the TPNW. Our members will continue to promote lobby, public petition and advocacy activities targeting their respective national governments. They will do so in partnership with national coalitions of local governments, civil society and parliamentarians.

Our European Chapter will explore new opportunities for collective advocacy at a continental level. We will focus in particular on the concrete impacts and presence of nuclear weapons in urban territories across Europe, as well as on the impacts of nuclear tests. We will promote joint communication initiatives on the occasion of UN days.

In order to achieve these goals, we will support our members' advocacy initiatives at a national level and explore new opportunities to develop collective advocacy and have a greater impact at a European level, including the European Parliament.

4. Strengthening alliances and building new partnerships

We will strengthen our advocacy agenda on peace and nuclear disarmament by working together with civil society and networks at a national, regional and international level.

We will work collaboratively with other local authorities and their networking initiatives to raise awareness on the issue of nuclear disarmament, learn from promising practices and speak with a louder voice on matters relevant to European peace and security.

We commit to the idea of peace municipalism and seek to advance a more concrete political vision and understanding of local government peace cooperation. This initiative goes in hand with the peace agenda of the global municipal movement, represented by [UCLG](#), the [Municipal Peace Talks](#) and the [Forum of Cities for Peace](#).

In order to achieve these goals, we will bring our network's mission and action plan to partner events and campaigns. We will explore concrete cooperation opportunities to enrich and expand the nuclear disarmament and cities for peace agendas.

5. Learning from young leaders and supporting their work

We will support the work of young leaders and campaigners and provide them with a platform to reach more local authorities in their own countries. We will invite young local government leaders to participate in MfP more actively.

We will learn from the methodologies employed by young leaders and campaigners, as well as their priorities, in order to mobilize potential new campaigners in our cities.

In order to achieve these goals, we will organize concrete meetings with young leaders and campaigners to define a roadmap to reinforce their participation in MfP, learn from their experiences and mobilize new cities and young campaigners.

6. Promoting systemic change for peace

We will continue to promote a more comprehensive agenda for peace related to the nuclear ban, aimed at triggering the necessary global changes to achieve the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons.

This vision is intertwined with the sustainability and human rights agendas, but also an alternative understanding of cooperation between nations rooted in the town twinning tradition, local democracy and decentralized cooperation.

Local governments are ready to take part in national and global debates on peace and seek to mobilize citizens' capacities to be part of this transformation too.

In order to achieve these goals, we will promote the Mayors for Peace PX Vision as the ultimate roadmap for advancing the necessary systemic changes for global peace and the elimination of nuclear weapons from a local government perspective

7. Expanding municipal solidarity pathways for peace

We will remain committed to the values of solidarity and cooperation with all European peoples and cities, and those of Ukraine in particular.

[Our statement on the War](#) summarizes our rejection of the Russian aggression and shows support to affected communities. [Our members promoted numerous solidarity initiatives](#) seeking to support Ukrainian refugees and cities under attack in particular.

We are ready to participate in the post-conflict reconstruction, which we hope is attained soon, by supporting both physical and emotional reconstruction. In this context we will seek to reinforce local democracy and civic space to avert future conflicts.

In order to achieve these goals, we will consolidate our relations with municipal stakeholders in Ukraine, support peace and reconstruction initiatives led by our partners and explore potential collective initiatives made by our members.

8. Consolidating a more coherent narrative on peace and security

We will strive to renew our shared narrative on global peace and security.

We will make sure that our narrative is fit for the current regional context, harshly marked by the War of Ukraine, but also other key challenges related to peace, such as: inequalities, migration and racism, conviviality, political polarization and extremism.

In order to achieve these goals, we will build on the key messages shared by members in our 21 June extraordinary meeting. We will organize new events to develop a more comprehensive and truly transformative narrative.

9. Advancing a culture of peace and the vision of “Cities and Urban Territories of Peace”

We will continue to promote a culture of peace in our cities and towns through local policies and cooperation initiatives with civil society. Our policies in this sense combine education for global citizenship activities with other types of policies, including public space interventions, the creation of peace gardens and other public equipment and the establishment of new social and emotional care services. Equally, they seek to address day-to-day urban violences in their root causes, particularly related to socio-spatial inequality and exclusion, and to promote alternative, community-based security models.

In order to achieve these goals, we will support and bring together the initiatives promoted by our national chapters to exchange knowledge on lessons learnt. We will explore new opportunities to create shared resources to promote a culture of peace.

10. Strengthening coordination between members

We will advance the contents of this decalogue in cooperation, coordinating our actions in time and space over the coming period. Members will contribute to achieve its goals on the basis of concrete synergies established with the secretariat.

The secretariat remains available to advance members’ initiatives cooperatively and to showcase their activities in the shared social media channels. The forthcoming adoption of the Chapter’s statutes should reinforce our capacities in this sense.

In order to achieve these goals, we will maintain periodic communications and organize periodic meetings of the European board and technical focal points. We will soon adopt the Chapter legal statutes to consolidate the institutional framework behind our work and update our leadership structure after its 2019-2021 term.