



**Mayors for Peace European Chapter and INEW
Webinar
Friday 29 Septembre 23 12.00 pm - 13.15 pm CET**



Protecting civilians from explosive weapons

How city diplomacy can take action to prevent the use of explosive weapons in towns and cities

At the occasion of the International Day of Peace on September 21st the European Chapter of Mayors for Peace and INEW have organised a joint webinar on the role of local governments in better protecting inhabitants of towns and cities from the harm and destruction caused by the use of explosive weapons, an important theme in our endeavours to create safe, resilient, sustainable, and more peaceful communities.

The use of explosive weapons in towns, cities, and other populated areas is a leading cause of harm to civilians in armed conflicts today. Each year, tens of thousands of civilians are killed and injured by explosive weapons. People suffer complex and life changing injuries and long-term psychological distress from the trauma of living under constant bombing. Explosive weapons destroy critical civilian infrastructure such as housing, hospitals, schools, and power and water systems, preventing the provision of essential services to the civilian population, forcing civilians to flee or leave their homes towards an uncertain fate.

The event will allow local governments to better understand the consequences of the use of explosive weapons and learn, from the experience of their peers, what to do to avoid conflict at the local and global level.

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12:00 **Message from Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace, Mayor Kazumi Matsui**



12:10 **The dangers of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas**

Christina Wille. Director Insecurity Insight



12:25 **First-hand experience of the harm, and secondary effects.**

Alma Taslidzan. Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocay Manager . Handicap Int.

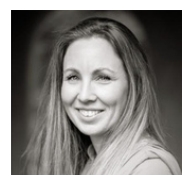


12:35 **The impact of explosive weapons on cities and citizens.**

Mayor Grégory Doucet. Mayor of Lyon (TBC)

12:45 **INEW & the political declaration: the answer and what can Mayors do?**

Laura Boillot. Coordinator. INEW



13:00 **Questions & Answers**

13:10 **Closing remarks.**

Mayor Alba Barnusell. Mayor of Granollers and President of the European Chapter of Mayors for Peace



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This meeting will be held on Zoom in English, French and Spanish through simultaneous translation offered by the City of Granollers with the support of Diputació de Barcelona.