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Non-Nuclear Weapons and Strategic Stability in Europe: Theory and Practice

EU Ad Hoc Seminar of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

Hosted by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)
29 April 2022, 0900-1200 EST/1400-1700 BST/1500-1800 CET (online)

AGENDA

This workshop is intended to improve our understanding, within the European context, of non-nuclear weapons employed by countries and non-state actors to achieve strategic effects, bypassing the tactical and operational levels of warfare. These include, for instance, catastrophic cyber-attacks shutting down critical infrastructure, precision-guided long-range missile strikes on leadership, and outer space attack to disable nuclear command and control systems. They can be kinetic or non-kinetic, and differ depending on the size and level of preparedness of the victim of the attack.

1. What types of NNSW have been recently used, or are under development, that could have a negative impact on strategic stability in Europe?
2. Are there emerging doctrines for use in Europe (or norms against their use)?
3. What perceptions and misperceptions surround these weapons?
4. Has the use of NNSW affected strategic stability in Europe?
5. Have they been used in Russia's war on Ukraine?
6. How the risks associated with them be reduced?

1400-1410 Welcome, Introduction

1410-1515 **Session 1: Current Capabilities**

What types of weapons are we seeing deployed today, what perceptions and misperceptions surround these weapons, and are there emerging doctrines of use (or norms against use)?

Moderator: Simona Soares, IISS

1515-1525 Break



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- 1525-1635 **Session 2: The Impact**
How have the use of NNSW affected strategic stability in Europe? Do we see the employment of such weapons or strategies in the Ukraine War? Are there strategies to mitigate the risks of this category of weapon?
Moderator: William Alberque, IISS
- 1635-1645 Break
- 1645-1700 Summary and Way Ahead (by William Alberque)



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