

GUEST SPEAKERS

On February 5, 2026, the New START treaty will expire, potentially sparking an uncontested nuclear arms race. Without a new agreement, nuclear-armed nations could freely expand their arsenals, destabilizing global security, particularly in Europe, while diverting billions from essential sectors like healthcare and education. As we face this looming threat, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) marks its 5th anniversary on January 22, 2026, with over 100 nations committed to a nuclear-free world. In this critical moment, we welcome our panelist to address the new scenery:

Moderator

Thomas Hajnoczi - Executive Advisor of the Mayors for Peace Network

- Led the Austrian delegations in the negotiations for the TPNW
- Served as Director of Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation and Director of Security Policy at the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Dr. Jana Baldus - European Leadership Network

- Policy Fellow at the ELN and Associated Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt.
- Her research focuses on polarisation within the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Regime & normative conflicts between NPT and the TPNW.
- Works to influence government policy & engage with intl. institutions



Sophie Bolt - General Secretary of Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

- Over 30 years' campaigning experience in peace and disarmament activism
- Writer and speaker on nuclear weapons policy and military spending
- She has represented CND at public events and parliamentary briefings



Olga Karatch - Director of the International Center for Civil Initiatives, Our House

- Author on non-violent resistance, conflict resolution and human rights
- Collaborates in global forums to denounce repression in Belarus
- She has received multiple international human rights and peace awards



Dr. Tonči Tadić - National Coordinator for DONES.HR and Ruđer Bošković Institute

- Croatian physicist and nuclear energy expert
- Former visiting researcher at Osaka National Research Institute (ONRI-AIST)
- Member of EURATOM Scientific and Technical Committee

