
Our vision of a different Security Conference

The good thing about the Munich Security Conference is: the meeting, the exchange of opinions and the building up of a relationship between knowledgeable people from different states who have the authority for decisions. They come together with many observers and journalists from all over the world.

But it is still primarily a forum of leading representatives from politics, military and arms, industries, media and the world of finance of the members of NATO and EU, a forum of traditional security policy and dominance over others, which reinforces and promotes the ideology of military force being indispensable. It encourages the belief that security, prosperity and national self-determination are ultimately based on military power and the forming of coalitions against potential enemies.

In contrast, our vision is that the previous conference will be changed into a „**MUNICH CONFERENCE FOR PEACE POLICY**“, into a forum for fair global cooperation, which results in initiatives for a just and ecological world policy without violence. This is marked by the following:

1. Basic orientation of the conference

The needs of all individuals and peoples have equal weight. Security can only be realized with each other, not against each other. The deeper lying sources of conflicts as e.g. social injustice and climate change must be solved together without violence.

2. Topics of the conference

(a) Non-violent security and peace policies: foreign policy and international relationships, preventive diplomacy, conflict monitoring, non-violent conflict transformation, Civil Peace Service, disarmament, reforming and strengthening structures of common security (UNO, OSZE etc.)

(b) Fair global cooperation: change of force structures (structural violence) , reduction of debts, fair global trade, economy based on prosperity for all, access to commons and natural resources (land, water, seeds, energy), preservation of our natural environment for the generations to come.

3. Structure of the Conference

The basic conference is embedded in a frame of forums in which civil society with all its non-governmental organisations can be in a dialogue with this basic conference, and where they can bring in their competence in non-violent conflict transformation and in establishing a peaceful future, and where they can put – via media – this to public attention.

This conference is also the occasion for an international peace festival, in which cultural establishments, universities, churches, trade unions and organisations of civil society will be involved, so that around the conference there will be an atmosphere of non-violence instead of the existing polarization.

4. Sponsorship and funding

The sponsorship is taken over by a foundation created for this reason, with a substantial contribution of the city, the country, the Federal Republic and the civil society/ peace movement. The financing of the foundation and the Conference takes place in a transparent way from public funds and civil sponsors.

5. Planning and management

The Foundation is responsible for the planning, together with an international advisory board of suitable personalities from politics, the UN and peace research. The responsible leadership of the Conference is determined by the management of the foundation and the international advisory board.

6. Effect

Through its prestigious leadership, topics and information the Conference will develop an inspiring power for the policies of the states and the supranational organizations.

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