



# March for Peace 2022

**18 April 3pm, Luxembourg**

(Meeting point: Glacis, March for Peace towards Place Hamilius, closing rally)

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**We call on all citizens and associations to participate in the March for Peace  
It is for the future! NO TO WAR!**

War hysteria in the middle of Europe; armament everywhere; the Paris climate objectives are moving further away from being reached achieved; social inequalities have grown massively in the pandemic; discrimination and hatred are increasing in the social networks in a frightening way.

The organizers of the March for Peace 2022, OGBL and Friddensplattform, are fed up.

This year's March for Peace is placed under the slogans:

- **STOP THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND ALL WARS AROUND THE WORLD**
- **For diplomacy instead of war hysteria**
- **For a freeze on the use of weapons of mass destruction**
- **For a consistent climate policy**
- **For social justice**
- **For a solidarity-based civil society**

We demand to stop the war - immediately. Russia's war against Ukraine, which is contrary to international law, cannot be justified by anything. Immediate ceasefire, withdrawal of all Russian troops from Ukraine.

Interstate conflicts can be resolved neither by rearmament nor by war hysteria. Détente must be the order of the day. There is no alternative. In a globally interconnected world, conflicts can no longer be brought to a peaceful and balanced resolution by force, rearmament and war. Those who want peace must work for peace through diplomacy.

The massive modernization of their deadly arsenal, which is being driven forward by all nuclear weapon states, is devouring billions in funds. Nuclear war is a real danger. The threat scenarios are bundled into a symbolic clock index by the organization „Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists“. The „Doomsday Clock“ is currently set at 100 seconds to midnight, closer than ever to the abyss. This time setting happened before the Ukraine war.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that the effects of climate change are far greater than our efforts to adapt to it. For scientists, it is no longer just about scientific predictions for the future, but about „extreme events and slow-onset disasters that people are experiencing right now.“

The Corona pandemic has accelerated social inequalities worldwide. In Luxembourg, too, more and more

people are being pushed to the margins of society. For many people, eliminating these social inequalities is one of the most urgent problems to be solved within the European Union.

It is frightening how „hate speech“ is spreading rapidly within social networks and in the comment columns of the media. Contempt for human beings is openly displayed. Racism, anti-Semitism, sexism, hatred against minorities contribute to the brutalization of public discourse and must be considered a serious threat to our democratic values.

## **We demand from the Luxembourg government**

- Use the means at its disposal, at all levels, the UN, the OSCE, the EU or NATO to pursue diplomatic solutions to the Ukraine conflict;
- To advocate consistent disarmament steps. More weapons do not create peace;
- No increase in the military budget, use funds for civil society solutions aimed at peace and for a just and solidary North-South policy;
- Join the nuclear weapons ban treaty;
- No militarization of the European Union;
- To work consistently in the EU and NATO for a new European peace order within the framework of the OSCE;
- Especially the small states in the EU and the civil society of Europe must push the idea of a common European house;
- Consistently advocate the goals of the Paris climate agreement;
- Not to misuse war as an argument for social cuts;
- Advocate for a strong and solidarity-based welfare state;
- To stand up for an open, tolerant and solidary society.

We all have to become more aware that the very least threats, first and foremost climate change and resource scarcity, pandemics, cyber conflicts or terrorism cannot be effectively dealt with by military means!

We want a society of solidarity in which we find solutions together for the most urgent challenges of our time, peace, climate change and social justice for future generations.