



Graphics: [Appeal to the G7 Hiroshima Summit 2023](#) by the Citizens' Network Opposing the Use of DU Weapons in Ukraine

## Background

Uranium weapons are not classified as nuclear weapons but as conventional weapons. They consist mainly of depleted uranium (DU), a radioactive and chemically toxic heavy metal.

As far as is known, these weapons have been definitively used by two states: the USA and Great Britain. Large quantities of DU were fired in Iraq and the Balkans. DU-weaponry is in the possession of many states .

When DU projectiles or penetrators hit armoured surfaces, they burn due to the high temperatures generated by the impact. This creates a very fine dust that is radioactive and chemically toxic. This toxic dust can be absorbed by the body through food and respiration, and is contaminating the environment.

## On the current policy developments

The British government has started to deliver uranium munitions to Ukraine. For the Russian side, contradictory data exist, difficult to verify.

The use of DU ammunition in Ukraine would have devastating consequences - not so much for the current war, but as a long-term effect on people and the environment.

## More Info

<https://icbuw.eu> - "[Depleted Uranium Weapons – State of Affairs 2022](#)" | <https://umwelt-militaer.org> (deutsch)

## Webinar:

**What are the consequences of uranium ammunition in the Ukraine war?**

## Organisers/supporters:

Intern. Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (**ICBUW**), Intern. Peace Bureau (**IPB**), Intern. Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (**IPPNW**), Intern. Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear War (**IALANA**)

**Date and time: June 2, 2023**

**6 p.m. CEST (18:00 Uhr MESZ)**

**Registration to Zoom:**

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## About the speakers

**Prof. Manfred Mohr**, ICBUW, Co Spokesperson (Germany);

*DU Weapons: The political and legal framework*

**Ria Verjauw**, ICBUW, Co Spokesperson (Belgium);

*DU: International awareness, activities, campaigning*

**Angelika Claussen**, IPPNW, Co Chair;

*DU: The humanitarian and health dimension*

**Karl-Heinz Peil**, Informationsdienst Umwelt und Militär; *War in Ukraine: From environmental disaster to ecocide*

Moderation: **Reiner Braun**, IPB

Language: English with translation of input statements and of the discussion if needed. A separate German webinar is intended.

At the webinar, we want to discuss how to provide the necessary information, develop networking and actions with the aim to implement a ban on uranium weapons in the context of the Ukraine war and worldwide.