

November 24 - November 27, 2025
Royal Military Academy, Brussels, Belgium

12th European Symposium on Non-Lethal Weapons

Presentation

Contributions to the Symposium can be made as oral presentations (presentation time 25 minutes including discussion) or poster presentations.

Abstract

Please **submit your abstract** to Cyril Robbe (cyril.robbe@mil.be) and mention your preference for an oral presentation or a poster.

The papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, which will be distributed to the participants at the beginning of the event. Guidelines on how to prepare the text will be available on the website.

Dissemination

This year, besides a physical distribution to the participants, a dedicated platform will be used to disseminate the articles. Each article will be attributed a unique DOI, allowing effective referencing and the best visibility for the contributions.

Deadlines

Closing date for abstracts
March 14th 2025

Notification to authors
April 11th 2025

Deadline for submission of full papers
September 19th 2025

Peer review comments sent to authors
NLT October 10th 2025

Deadline for submission final version of paper (article)
November 7th 2025

Symposium starts
November 24th 2025

Accommodation

The hotels offer in Brussels is large. The Symposium will take place in the premises of the Royal Military Academy, Hobbema Street 8, 1000 Brussels.

Conference language

English

Registrations

Registrations will be open on **March 17th 2025** through the website.



Announcement

In 2025, the 12th biennial Symposium is being organised by the European Working Group on Non-Lethal Weapons (EWG-NLW) for the 3rd time in Brussels, Belgium.

It is the longest running and currently the only event where subject matter experts can come together and discuss the complex topics surrounding the development and deployment of Non-Lethal Weapons in both law enforcement and defence environments.

Over the past 20 years the Symposium has established itself as the main hub for networking and sharing the latest information in this important and often contentious area of work.

This year again, we would like to re-introduce an emerging topic to the portfolio of existing ones. **Countering small UAVs** has become paramount in our societies and we deeply believe that low-collateral damage solutions, while probably being the preferred ones, are very closely related to the EWG and Symposium scopes. This is why **this topic will be prioritised again** during the next symposium.

Once again, we would like to reiterate that with the Symposium, we intend

- To promote research and development of Non-Lethal technologies to meet current and future operational requirements.
- To encourage the European defence and security industry to become more innovative and more competitive in designing, developing and validating new Non-Lethal technologies.

Seminar

Besides the symposium, an additional seminar session about ballistics, medical & operational aspects of non-lethal weapons and counter-UAV technologies will be organised on Nov 24th. Detailed program will be provided with the symposium schedule.

Booths

Booths will be available for professional and industrial partners. Detailed information can be asked through the conference email address.

Conference & exhibition management

E-mail: conference@non-lethal-weapons.org
Site: www.non-lethal-weapons.org

- To learn from international operational expertise of Non-Lethal technology, development and deployment.

With that in mind we invite you to submit abstracts to the committee from the following areas of expertise:

Scientific and technical

Operational

Legal

Medical

Human effects

Policy making

Human rights

The above topics are only a guide, and the organisers are willing to consider abstracts on all aspects of this wide subject area.

Brussels is home to the European Union, NATO and EDA and offers excellent transport connections within Europe and beyond. We look forward to receiving your submissions and meeting you in person in this centrally located venue. Please see the conference website for detailed submission instructions.

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