



#OBJECT WAR CAMPAIGN

Solidarity with conscientious objectors and
deserters from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus

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We are an alliance of more than **100 civil society organizations** that condemns Russia's war on Ukraine. We aim to support conscientious objectors, draft evaders, and deserters from **all countries affected by the war**: Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and, therefore, demand

- the full implementation of the internationally recognized human right to conscientious objection
- protection and asylum for conscientious objectors, draft evaders, and deserters if they decide to leave their home country to flee abroad



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We demand from the **governments of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine**

- to stop the persecution of conscientious objectors and deserters immediately [which consists of repression and imprisonment, in Belarus even the death penalty]

We demand from the **European Union**

- to open their borders for refusers and war resisters
- to enhance asylum and protection mechanisms



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Appeal to the German Parliament

Launched on March 29, 2022

Demand to

- grant asylum to Russian and Belarusian conscientious objectors under the Qualification Directive
- grant asylum to Ukrainian conscientious objectors who are evading acts that violate international law and who have been denied recognition as COs in Ukraine



Appeal to the European Union

Launched on June 9, 2022

- Second appeal to the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe that
- It was signed by **60 organizations from 20 countries**
- Detailing why protection and support for deserters and conscientious objectors for people from the states involved in the war in Ukraine is necessary and right



Appeal to the European Union

https://en.connection-ev.org/pdfs/2022-06-09_appealEurope-en.pdf

Appeal

Protection and asylum for conscientious objectors and deserters from the states involved in the war in Ukraine

The European Parliament/Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe shall resolve

In light of the war in Ukraine, the European Parliament/Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe observes:

- the fundamental importance of Articles 1 and 2 of the United Nations Charter, which prohibit war of aggression and acts of war in violation of international law;
- the applicability of the Rome Statute, Article 25 of which imposes individual criminal liability for violations of Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations;
- recognition of the "Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security" adopted by the OSCE in 1994, in which all members of the armed forces are personally responsible for complying with international humanitarian law, and that members of the armed forces authorized to issue orders may not do so in violation of international law;
- that "the right to conscientious objection to military service inheres in the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. It entitles any individual to an exemption from compulsory military service if this cannot be reconciled with that individual's religion or beliefs. The right must not be impaired by coercion", as it has been recognized by the UN Human Rights Committee.¹
- that equivalently opposition to military service may also attract the guarantees of Article 9 concerning freedom of thought, conscience and religion, of the European Convention on Human Rights, as established by the European Court of Human Rights in its judgment of July 7, 2011, in



Petition to EU politicians

Initiated on September 9, 2022

- Online petition via the platform **YouMoveEurope**
- Initiated jointly by the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection (EBCO), War Resisters' International (WRI), International fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), and Connection e.V.
- Addressed to Ursula von der Leyen (President of the European Commission), Charles Michel (President of the European Council) and Roberta Metsola (President of the European Parliament)

So far, we've collected **49,711 signatures** [as of November 2, 2023]



Petition to EU politicians



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Russia, Belarus, Ukraine: Protection and asylum for deserters and conscientious objectors to military service

ENGLISH

49,711

of 75,000
signatures

First name*

Last name:

Your email*

Country:

Postal code:

Your comments:

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To the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to the President of the European Council, Charles Michel and to the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola

PETITION

Dear Ursula von der Leyen, dear Charles Michel, dear Roberta Metsola,

We ask you to:

- Grant protection and asylum to deserters and conscientious objectors from Belarus and the Russian Federation!
- Urge the Ukrainian government to stop persecuting conscientious objectors to military service and to guarantee them a full right to conscientious objection!
- Open the borders to those who oppose war at great personal risk in their country!

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Recent comments

<https://bocs.cf>

Gyula István



International action

On May 15, the International Day of Conscientious Objection

- In a joint high-profile action, we handed over **almost 50.000 signatures** to the European Commission in Berlin
- This event was accompanied by speeches of national and **international guests** from Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine, additional actions, and festive music
- There were similar actions in at least **25 cities all over Europe**
- We generated a great **media echo**



Emails to EU politicians

Send an eMail to leading politicians of the EU

Demand protection for conscientious objectors from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine

(28.10.2023) Thousands of people are being forced to fight a war they do not approve of. Help us now to remind leaders in the European Union of their words that these people need protection and support.

Send emails to Ursula von der Leyen, to Roberta Metsola and Charles Michel. They are responsible to implement regulations on the level of the European Union so that conscientious objectors from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine get safe ways to be protected from persecution, imprisonment and recruitment for war.

We have already prepared an email for this purpose, which you can easily send using this form. Thanks a lot.

Data will be encoded by SSL

Personal Information

First and family name*

eMail*



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Action weeks to December 10, 2023

International Human Rights Day

Dec. 4th to 10th / 4.-10. Dezember

Protection and asylum for all those from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine who refuse military service

New: [Our website for #ObjectWarCampaign](#)

[Appeal for Donations](#)

[Signature Campaign](#)

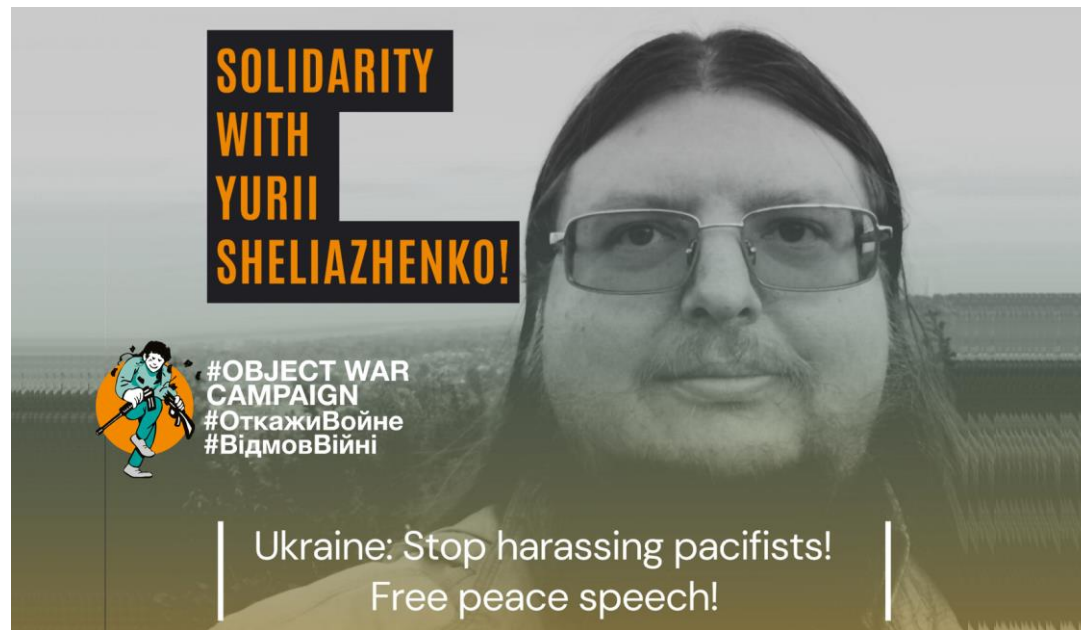
[Send an eMail to leading politicians of the European Union!](#)



Urgent actions

**Drop all charges against Yurii Sheliazhenko:
Pacifism is not a crime**

**Protection and asylum for human rights
defender Olga Karatch**





International days of action

Calls for action by **30 organizations**, on:

- **September 21**, 2023: International Day of Peace
“Stop the war! Mobilise for peace!”
- **December 4 – 10**, 2023: International Human Rights Day
“Protection and asylum for conscientious objectors from Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine”



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List of people responsible for
interviews in several languages:


- Zaira Zafarana (English, Italian)
- Rudi Friedrich (German, English)
- Semih Sapmaz (English, Turkish)
- Christian Renoux (English, French)
- Alexia Tsouni (English, Greek)
- Sam Biesemans (French, Dutch, Italian, English)

- **Information** such as updates, leaflets, action guides, country reports on Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine in German, English, and Russian
- Multilingual **telegram info channel** @connection_ev
- Multilingual **counseling hotline**
- Campaign **website**



the campaign website

<https://objectwarcampaign.org/en/>




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Ukraine

Solidarity with all those
who refuse the war!


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50.000 Überschriften an
die Europäische Kommissi-
on in Berlin, 15. Mai 2023

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**Call: Action week to the
International Human Rights
Day**

*Protection and asylum for all from Russia, Belarus and
Ukraine who refuse military service*

**Call for actions from December 4, 2023 to the International
"Human Rights Day" on December 10, 2023.**

War is a crime against humanity. We condemn Russia's war of
aggression on Ukraine, which is contrary to international law and
has already led to hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries
and millions of refugees.

Many people from Russia and Belarus, but also from Ukraine,
who are threatened with military service, try to evade it: They
do not want to kill other people and they do not want to die in
this war. Soldiers at the front want to lay down their weapons in



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