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The Peace Institute arranges and stimulates debate through the organisation of special events, lectures, scientific conferences, and policy-oriented seminars.

The Flemish Peace Institute is an independent research institute hosted by the Flemish Parliament. It was established in 2004 to conduct **scientific research** on peace issues and offer its findings to support the activities of the Flemish Parliament. The Institute provides **information** and documentation and makes **recommendations** to the Parliament. Its documents address issues that are relevant for not only policymakers but also civil society organisations and the public at large. The documents are translated into English for a wider audience throughout the world.

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The Peace Institute examines legislation and policy concerning the international arms trade and monitors events and data on Flemish arms production and arms trade. In its annual report the Institute publishes its analyses of data on the import, export, and transit through the region of military materials during the preceding year, with special emphasis on their end-use. The Institute also devotes special attention to the policy of the European Union: the unified defence market and the European agreements on export control.

## PEACE & SOCIETY PROGRAMME

An important objective is to halt and prevent the outbreak of direct violence within a society, but it is no less crucial to address the root causes of conflicts. The Institute highlights the possible sources of violence and their likely causes. Research is also conducted on social processes that promote and are conducive to the conditions for peace on both the local and international planes. How prevalent is violence in the life of young people? How do people deal with the memory and commemoration of violent conflicts and wars? And what impact do democratic political structures have on peace?

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*In order to contribute to a more peaceful society, in Flanders and worldwide, it is necessary to thoroughly examine and analyse developments related to peace and conflict and, following an open debate, to take steps to achieve this goal. The Peace Institute presents in-depth analyses, provides information and organises debates on these issues, and recommends measures to promote peace and prevent violence.*