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IPB prepares the 2016 Berlin Congress on Military Spending



At its latest meeting, held in Berlin on June 21-22, the IPB Board decided on the definitive title of the Berlin World Congress:

**Disarm! For a Climate of Peace
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Preparations are now actively under way, under the auspices of the Programme Committee and partners around the world.

Check out [the exciting official teaser clip](#) for the IPB World Congress 2016.

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Military Spending

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The role of military spending in Greek's financial crisis

Although there were many other factors at play in the escalation of Greek debt, debt and war are constant partners. In 2013, the former defence minister Tsochatzopoulos was sent to prison due to the €8m appreciation he received from a German arms dealer for the Greek government's purchase of Type 214 submarines. So, to recap: corrupt German companies bribed corrupt Greek politicians to buy German weapons. And then a German chancellor presses for austerity on the Greek people to pay back the loans they took out (with Germans banks) at massive interest, for the weapons they bought off them in the first place.



Military spending and the US election

In Iowa and New Hampshire, where the first contests for the 2016 presidential nominations will take place, AFSC has launched its Governing Under the Influence (GUI) project to remind candidates that the interests of the people must come first. The GUI project isn't partisan; it's not about ranking the candidates or telling anyone how they should vote. It's about shifting the political discourse by exposing forces that steer people in the wrong direction. And it has already seen results, drawing out responses from close to 20 candidates and garnering attention from media outlets like the Boston Globe, Fox News, and Huffington Post.

More on military Spending :

- Pope Francis suggests those in weapons industry can't call themselves Christian
- Debt and militarism: the Greek tragedy Europe prefers to keep quiet about
- Pentagon set to announce massive army cutbacks
- U.S.: Shut bases there, save money here (by David Vine)
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UN climate deal will come too late for Kiribati, says leader



Fossil fuel industry must

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