# ICBUW Workshop: “Banning uranium weapons – Helping victims”

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**Frame and background:**

The issue of uranium, or DU (depleted uranium) weapons, has become urgent again in connection with the war in Ukraine. The West has delivered DU ammunition to Ukraine, while Russia also holds similar weapons in its arsenal so that, altogether, there is a fear of a “DU renaissance”. On the other hand, the process of banning DU weaponry has advanced, with [ICBUW](https://www.icbuw.eu/en/) developing into a global focal point on the issue. With the background of regularly adopted UNGA (UN General Assembly) resolutions on the topic (see the most recent resolution from December 2024 [here](https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/388/73/pdf/n2438873.pdf)), and, e.g., the ILC’s (International Law Commission) [Draft Principles on the protection of the environment in armed conflict](https://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/draft_articles/8_7_2022.pdf) (PERAC), it seems high time (again) to present and discuss draft instruments, such as the [Draft Convention](https://icbuw.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ICBUW-Draft-Uranium-Weapons-Convention.pdf), prepared by ICBUW.

In parallel, national jurisprudence in support of (military) DU victims has further developed, in particular in Italy (see [here](https://www.euronews.com/2023/04/05/uk-to-send-depleted-uranium-shells-to-ukraine-despite-health-concerns)), and, most recently, [in Serbia](https://www.icbuw.eu/landmark-court-ruling-in-pancevo-republic-of-serbia-found-liable-for-failing-to-protect-former-soldier-from-depleted-uranium-exposure/). There, a causal link between DU exposure and health damage has been acknowledged, with references to human rights arguments, which also form the basis for international procedural mechanisms at hand. An international scheme of legal, medical and political help for DU victims must now be established.

**Program:**

* **Welcome/introduction:** Prof. Manfred Mohr, Co-Chair ICBUW
* **The situation, legal and other action in:** Italy (Lawyer Angelo Tartaglia); Serbia (Lawyer Dr. Srdan Aleksic); Romania (former service member Dragos Nicolae Ghita); creating an international system of consultancy and help (all)
* **Discussion**
* **Conclusions and way ahead:** Ria Verjauw, Co-Chair ICBUW