

At a joint meeting of the leadership of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA) on 21 October 2024 in Maribor, realising the dangers of current wars and recognising the urgency of the moment, we crafted a vision for a

Global Peace Offensive

The world today faces a series of interconnected crises growing in number, intensity, and complexity, outpacing the ability of traditional diplomacy to manage and resolve them. This initiative seeks to mobilise research, art, media, opinion makers, religious leaders, educational and civil society institutions to identify practical measures to reverse the direction and reduce the intensity of confrontation by a global peace offensive focusing on incremental, reciprocal steps for conflict resolution, emphasising cultural, scientific, economic, educational and environmental diplomacy as well as political, economic and media systems which have real power and also responsibility in the proportion of their power.

Responsibility of Scientists and Artists

Information, scientific knowledge, technological innovation and the arts play a central role in education and social evolution. Scientists and artists are uniquely responsible for fostering global peace and human coexistence. Through creative expression and the ability to move hearts and minds, artists shape the narratives that define cultures and influence public sentiment. This responsibility has become more significant than ever in the contemporary world, given the increasing power and impact of global digital communications and intelligent machines, large language models and other artificial intelligence (AI) applications.

Based on our unique responsibility, we will work towards trust-building initiatives, assessing the needs and claims of all parties in any given conflict, imparting a voice to all stakeholders, and reinforcing promising international cultural exchanges and collaboration.

Our Commitment

To end wars, we shall harness the powers of all fields of education, research and technological advancement to promote peaceful coexistence and human security for all via quiet diplomacy and public events to promote peace on local, regional, and global scales.

Innovative educational models, combining AI and the mobilization of social networks, can significantly impact political decisions and international peace dynamics. We shall work towards identifying, creating, and projecting peacebuilding opportunities, facilitating dialogue between conflicting parties, and improving decision-making, analysis, and narratives through developing innovative strategies for conflict resolution. We shall consider ways to expand our activities on a multiregional scale and attract human, financial and other resources to our mission.

We hereby invite the academic community, intellectuals and global leaders to support this vision, individually and institutionally, by implementing novel, innovative educational and research activities for peace so we join forces to build a bright, secure and peaceful future for all. Both academies will follow up on the initiatives and proposals for a peace offensive and implement them in our further activities.