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Please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words together with the exact title and name(s) of the author(s). Authors are requested to supply up to five keywords below the abstract, and to send the abstract to [conference@ict.fraunhofer.de](mailto:conference@ict.fraunhofer.de) and to the national point of contact (see list inside).

The papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, which will appear at the beginning of the event. Guidelines on how to prepare the text will be sent to the authors.

## Conference language

English

## Deadlines

Closing date for abstracts	Oct. 06, 2014
Reply to authors	Nov./Dec. 2014
Full papers (printable PDF)	March 20, 2015

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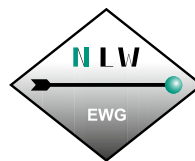
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## Announcement and Call for Papers

8<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on  
Non-Lethal Weapons  
**May 18-20, 2015**

Stadthalle Ettlingen, Germany

# 8<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Non-Lethal Weapons



# Announcement and Call for Papers

After many years of development and operational experience Non-Lethal Weapons have eventually gained a firm place among the tools available to both military and police. These tools allow them to accomplish their tasks and reduce the risks of causing needless and undesired outcomes.

However, despite a number of evident successes, problems are still affecting the fielding of many promising technologies. Public opinion, media and, as a consequence, policy makers and sometimes even the operators themselves, can feel substantial uncertainty about the ratio of effectiveness to risk. Some novel technologies seem also to be inherently linked with a lack of understanding of their effects and safety by the general public and this consequently creates misconceptions and controversy in use.

Lack of acceptance is a critical key factor in the overall process that should lead, within a reasonable timeframe, technologies to go from laboratories to operators in the field. Collection and publication of real world operational data to allow assessment of effectiveness and safety may increase confidence and also support innovation and improvements in current technologies by highlighting any shortcomings and strengths and refining guidance for use.

The 2015 Symposium's overarching theme will be to examine the obstacles still faced in fielding non lethal technologies: assessment of effectiveness and safety; legal hurdles; public opinion objections; operators' trust. The Symposium will provide a valuable opportunity to hear from, and discuss the lessons learnt across the many disciplines of this subject from a range of scientists, subject matter experts and operational practitioners. This will identify where gaps still exist to steer future activities.

The Symposium will further include topics on technology development (new technologies, model validation); capability development (effectiveness, safety, standardization); and acceptance.

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