
Petition 157066

**Foreign policy - Active support for pacifists and conscientious objectors
conscientious objectors from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine**

Text of the petition:

The petition calls for active support for pacifists and conscientious objectors conscientious objectors from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

Justification:

These three states - currently directly or indirectly involved in a war - have severely restricted the right to conscientious objection and thus violate international law. Men and women in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine have the right to refuse to serve in the armed forces and thus to kill other people without being sanctioned or prosecuted. Paragraph 4 of the Basic Constitutional Law stipulates that no one may be forced to do military service with a weapon against their conscience. Conscientious objectors who seek asylum in Germany must be able to invoke this, regardless of their country of origin, and must therefore be recognized in accordance with Article 16a. We therefore call on the politicians in the Bundestag and in particular the members of the governing coalition to

...Regarding conscientious objectors and deserters from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine ...

... to campaign for the opening of the borders on "our side" and thus allow them to enable them to enter the country

... to ensure their protection and asylum from

... to advocate legally binding admission regulations for them in Germany and the EU, even if they have already received a call-up notice.

Furthermore, we demand ...

... to encourage the Ukrainian government to adopt the draft law currently being draft law on the adaptation of the law on mobilization, which explicitly which explicitly provides for options without military service.ⁱ (see also footer)

... to declare solidarity with Yurii Sheliashenko, the managing director of the Ukrainian pacifist movement, who has been accused of the "crime" of justifying of justifying Russian aggress

... to declare solidarity with Olga Karatch, head of the Belarusian initiative initiative "Our House", who is currently living in exile in Lithuania and has been declared an undesirable person by the Lithuanian government. Olga Karatch campaigns for conscientious objectors from Belarus and, like Yurii Sheliashenko, was nominated by the International Peace Bureau with her organization for the Nobel Peace Prize with her organization.

... to campaign for fair asylum procedures at the EU's external borders. In particular the Lithuanian government should be called upon to allow conscientious objectors from Belarus to enter the country and recognize them.

... to appeal to the Russian and Belarusian governments to stop persecuting from conscientious objectors and to grant them the right to conscientious objection. In particular, it is important to

appeal to the Russian government to stop the apparently established practice of preventing the escape of members of the frontline troops by shooting them.

ⁱ Clarification of the information on Ukraine (Grüne Alternative e.V. | 19.11.2023 - 17:10 on <https://epetitionen.bundestag.de>)

The following passage in the petition was amended on 27.09. due to new information, unfortunately a previous version was published:

old: "...to encourage the Ukrainian government to swiftly implement the draft law currently being voted on to amend the law on mobilization, which explicitly provides for options not involving service in arms

New: " to urge the Ukrainian government to respect the legal right to conscientious objection in accordance with international law and to call for an end to the sanctions and persecution of conscientious objectors."