The Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) is a Moscow-based non-governmental think tank, established in 2009. The Moscow Nonproliferation Conference (MNC) is a flagship CENESS project. In April 2024, CENESS organized the seventh Conference (2024 MNC) and its New Generation Experts Segment for young professionals in the nuclear field. The 2024 MNC was attended by 260 participants from 42 countries, including about 50 new generation experts from 18 countries.

Since 2021 CENESS in cooperation with the CTBTO Youth Group (CYG) Task Force has been implementing the “CTBTO Research Fellowship”. The objective is to engage young experts in the field of nonproliferation, as well as to raise awareness about the CTBT.

In November 2023, CENESS launched the “Study Visit to International Organizations and Think Tanks in Vienna” to immerse students and recent graduates in the activities of the core institutions in the field (CTBTO, IAEA, UNODA, etc.).
CTBT Annex 2 states yet either to sign or ratify the Treaty. Each cycle of the project consisted of two key components: a) CENESS-organized online lecture course; b) preparation of research articles by the participants. CTBTO Executive Secretary Robert Floyd, U.N. High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu and Adedeji Ebo, Director and Deputy to U.N. High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, met the participants virtually.

In 2023, CENESS in partnership with Primakov Center for International Cooperation launched a project “Study Visit to International Organizations and Think Tanks in Vienna”. The key aim is to immerse students and recent graduates in the activities of the core institutions in the field and expand their professional networking opportunities. In November 2023, as part of the project a series of meetings were organized at the CTBTO, IAEA, UNODA Vienna Office, and UNOOSA for a group of Russian young experts. The participants had a unique opportunity to have in-person engagement with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi and CTBTO Executive Secretary Robert Floyd.