

**INVITATION
TO THE
COURSE ON “THE CHALLENGES OF EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY”**

(ESDC ACTIVITY NUMBER 22-23/200/1)

Online (via WebEx), September 26-30, 2022

The Portuguese National Defence Institute (IDN) has the great honour to organize, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the 2022 edition of the course dedicated to “*The Challenges of European cybersecurity*”. To promote participation, this course will be held virtually (via the WebEx platform).

Cyberspace has become a global common and prominent strategic domain in international relations. In this context, the European Union (EU) has strengthened its strategic standing to efficiently tackle emerging and increasing threats posed by cyber actions while also benefiting from relevant opportunities in the new digital age. The adoption by the Council in June 2017 of the Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox, the revision of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy in 2020 and the Strategic Compass in 2022, highlight the EU’s engagement and involvement as regards the reinforcement of its posture in cyberspace.

This course will address several topics to better understand Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence practices and challenges and identify the broader dynamics of EU cyber-policy, in five sessions dedicated to the following themes:

- Cyberspace: Concepts & Policies
- EU Capabilities and Requirements
- EU Strategy and Policies
- Legal Frameworks and Cyber Operations
- Cooperation and Diplomacy

Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to learn and exchange views with experts and officials on cyber threats and national policies, EU capabilities, strategies, and policies to address cyberspace challenges, legal frameworks, and confidence-building measures in cyberspace.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that Portugal invites you to this course about the challenges of European Cybersecurity. Please find below all relevant details regarding the registration process.



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Administrative Instructions

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- **Participation:** The course is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, EU institutions/agencies.
- **Application:** The EU Member States, institutions, and agencies are invited to identify, select, and nominate their appropriate candidates **no later than 16 September 2022**. Applications should be submitted by designated nominators using the ESDC ENLIST platform - <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>
 - A list of official nominators can be found on the ESDC website *via* the following link: <http://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
 - Registration will not be completed **until confirmation** by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
 - For any issue concerning the application, registration, and nomination processes, please contact:
 - ESDC Training Manager: Mr. Horatius GARBAN (horatius.garban@eeas.europa.eu)
 - ESDC Cyber ETEE FMB: ESDC-CYBER-ETEE@eeas.europa.eu
 - ESDC Secretariat: SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu
 - Course Director (IDN Portugal): Col. João BARBAS (joao.barbas@defesa.pt)
- **Language:** The language regime of the course will be English.
- **E-Learning:** a mandatory eLearning module (Internet-based Distance Learning - IDL) will be scheduled from **19 September 2022** and will have to be finalised before the online training ends.
- **Attendance:** participants’ online attendance at the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who will have completed the entire course (e-learning and online parts).
- **Costs:** participants do not have to pay any fees to attend this module.
- Further detailed information regarding this course will be forwarded *via* e-mail directly to course participants as soon as the attendance list is confirmed.

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Draft Agenda



Thursday, September 22nd, 2022

10h00 – 11h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session

14h00 – 15h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session

Friday, September 23rd, 2022

10h00 – 11h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session

14h00 – 15h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session

Monday, September 26th, 2022 // 09h00 / 13h30 (CET)

Course Opening and administrative aspects

Keynote Speech

SESSION I - CYBERSPACE: CONCEPTS & POLICIES

Cyberspace and Digital Societies

Cyber-threats: Trends and Challenges

National Policies

Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 // 09h30 / 13h00 (CET)

SESSION II - CAPABILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

Cyber Defence for the European Institutions and the CSDP

EU Role in Reinforcing Member-States's capabilities

Cyber challenges for the Private Sector

Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 // 09h30 / 13h00 (CET)

SESSION III – STRATEGY AND POLICIES

Assessment and Perspectives of EU's progress in Cybersecurity

EU Strategy for Cybersecurity

EU Strategies and Policies for Cybercrime

Thursday, September 29th, 2022 // 09h30 / 13h00 (CET)

SESSION IV – LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND CYBER OPERATIONS

Hybrid and Digital Combat Landscape

International Law and Cyberspace

Legal Framework for Cyber Operations

Friday, September 30th, 2022 // 09h30 / 13h00 (CET)

SESSION V – COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY

EU and NATO Cooperation for Cybersecurity

Towards a European Cyber Diplomacy

Closing Address