



## INVITATION TO THE “CYBER DIPLOMACY ADVANCED COURSE”

(ESDC activity number 22-23/207.b/1)

**Brussels, January 17-19, 2023**

The French Institute for Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN) and the Portuguese National Defence Institute (IDN) have the great honour to organize, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the “Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course”. The course will take place **in Brussels, from January 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**, and will accommodate maximum 30 participants.

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 of the Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox by the Council, in June 2017, the revision of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy in 2020, the Strategic Compass in 2022, and further developments, highlight the EU’s engagement and involvement as regards the reinforcement of its posture in cyberspace.

This module will address several topics to better understand Cyber Diplomacy tools, practices and challenges, also identifying the broader dynamics of international cyber-policy relevant for the EU, in five sessions dedicated to the following themes:

- Cyber Diplomacy: Concepts & Actors;
- Rules, Norms and International Law;
- Emerging Trends and Geopolitical Challenges in Cyber Diplomacy;
- Confidence-Building Measures & Capacity Building;
- Cyber Diplomacy Case Study.



Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to learn and exchange views with experts and officials from around the world on issues such as international law, influence operations and confidence-building measures in cyberspace.

It is therefore with great pleasure that France and Portugal invite you to this advanced course on Cyber Diplomacy. 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 government representatives, intergovernmental staffs and non-governmental organizations, as well as to entry to high-level diplomats.
- The course will accommodate a maximum number of **30 participants** from EU Members-states governmental institutions, academia, EU institutions and agencies.
- Application: are to be filled *via* the ESDC secure internet system *ENLIST*, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <http://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the requested personal data on ENLIST by the confirmed participants.
- POC: for any issue concerning the application, registration, nomination processes, please contact:
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- Language: the language of the Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course will be English.
- E-Learning: **a mandatory eLearning module** (Internet-based Distance Learning - IDL) will be scheduled **from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023** and will have to be finalised before the course starts.
- Attendance: participants' 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 full course (e-learning and online parts).
- Costs: participants do not have to pay any particular 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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Tuesday, January 17 <sup>th</sup> 2023 // 09h00 - 17h45 (CET)	
Course Opening and Administrative Aspects	
Keynote Speech	
<b>SESSION I - CYBER DIPLOMACY: CONCEPTS &amp; ACTORS</b>	
What is Cyber Diplomacy?	
Cyber Diplomacy Key Actors	
EU Cyber diplomacy toolbox	
<b>SESSION II - RULES, NORMS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW</b>	
Rules, Norms and Principles for Responsible State Behaviour	
International Law and Cyberspace	
Wednesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 // 09h00 - 18h00(CET)	
<b>SESSION III - EMERGING TRENDS AND GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES IN CYBER DIPLOMACY</b>	
Cyber & Hybrid Threats & Emerging Technologies	
[Dis]Information and Influence Operations	
<b>SESSION IV - CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES &amp; CAPACITY BUILDING</b>	
Confidence-building measures in cyberspace	
Capacity Building (CCB)	
EU Cyber Cooperation	
Thursday, January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 // 09h00 - 13h00 (CET)	
<b>SESSION V – CYBER DIPLOMACY CASE STUDY</b>	
Case Study Workshop	
Closing Address	