Curriculum

To be reviewed by *February 2025*	Activity number *3.a*	CSDP Training Programme (CSDP TP) and CSDP High Level Conference	ECTS **5**

CORRELATION WITH CTG/MTG TRAs	EQUIVALENCES
N/A	N/A

Target audience

Participants would normally be entry / mid-level staff and officials with some previous experience in security policy matters.

Open to:
- EU Member States and institutions

Aim

The course aims to give participants a broad understanding of the Common Security and Defence Policy. In particular, participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures, processes and activities.

Participants will have the opportunity to network with other people working in the field of CSDP.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge	LO.01 Define the main objectives of the Common Security and Defence Policy LO.02 Identify the main players at EU level and the relevant meeting formats of the Member States LO.03 Gain a basic understanding of the structures and procedures LO.04 Recognize the principles of the EU's external action LO.05 Name and summarize relevant ongoing CSDP missions and operations.
Skills	LO.06 Apply EU guidelines and principles; LO.07 Categorize the various levels of the decision-making process; LO.08 Demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of current CSDP structures and procedures LO.09 Distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of EU institutions and Member States
Responsibility and autonomy	LO.10 Assess and manage the advantages and disadvantages of the EU's role as a global player; LO.11 Summarize the main achievements of the EU Global Strategy; LO.12 Explain the Civilian CSDP Compact LO.13 Address the weak points of the planning phase of CSDP engagement; LO.14 Assess action to be taken at EU and national level to mitigate cyber risks and threats.

<u>Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes</u>

The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model, using *level 1 evaluation* (*based on participants' satisfaction with the course*).

In order to complete the course, participants have to accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated based on their active contribution in the residential module, including their group session/practical activities, as well as on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants must finish the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (*mandatory*), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated final test/quiz. The course director/lead instructor actively observes the process and participants fill in a feedback questionnaire at the end of the course.

There is no formal verification of the learning outcomes; proposed ECTS credits are based on participants' workload only.

Course structure		
Main topic	**Suggested working hours (required for individual learning)**	**Suggested content**
1. Module 1: eLearning	10 (10)	1.1 History and Development of CSDP 1.2 1.2 EU relations with global actors & EU position in the international strategic competition (including Grand Strategies of different global players) 1.3 The EU's crisis management structures 1.4 Decision-making/shaping
2. Module 2: CSDP Orientation Course (OC)	40	2.1 The EU's strategic environment 2.2 The EU's structures and procedures 2.3 Working with partners 2.4 Horizontal and regional CSDP issues 2.5 The Future of CSDP
3. Module 3: CSDP reflection seminar (RS)	50 (10)	3.1 Current CSDP issues (e.g. migration and terrorism) 3.2 The EU Global Strategy and its implementation (including the Strategic Compass) 3.3 Capability development 3.4 Strategic partnerships 3.5 Decision-making/shaping
4. High Level Conference (HLC) - Alumni	30 (10)	4.1 New developments in CSDP 4.2 Strategies and concepts 4.3 New risks and threats 4.4 Regional and horizontal CSDP issues
TOTAL	**100 (20)**	Training programme
	130 (30)	Training programme and High Level Conference

Materials	Methodology
	The programme is designed to support EU partnerships; the training programme is therefore tailored to the needs and requirements of partners.
Essential eLearning: Materials are made available online on the EDSC eLearning platform.	In order to facilitate discussion between course participants and trainers/experts/guest speakers, the **Chatham House Rule** is used during the residential module: '*participants in the CSDP HLC are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed*'.
Recommended study (voluntary): As decided by the programme/conference director/module leader.	
	The sending authorities must bear all costs relating to participation in the course, including accommodation, travel expenses and meals (unless indicated otherwise in the programme); special financial arrangements can be made through the Commission (DG NEAR) for participants from third countries. The entities organizing the programme must bear their own costs relating to organization and administrative support.
The course makes use of the ESDC eLearning platform (ILIAS). All course participants must prepare for the residential module by completing the relevant eLearning preparatory phase (mandatory).	
	* Participants are asked for their consent to being photographed or filmed during the training sessions; pictures and videos may be used by the ESDC or associated ESDC network partners in connection with CSDP- related training delivered within the network.