

Curriculum

To be reviewed by Feb. 2025	Activity number 3	CSDP Orientation Course	ECTS 2
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CORRELATION WITH CTG / MTG TRAs	EQUIVALENCES
Multiple correspondence with TRAs	Please identify and indicate equivalences with different WGs – SQF MILOF, CYBER ETEE etc.

<p><u>Target audience</u></p> <p>Participants would normally be entry / mid-level staff from Member States (MS) and EU institutions and agencies, with some previous experience in security policy matters.</p>	<p><u>Aim</u></p> <p>The course aims to provide participants with a broad understanding of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). 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.</p> <p>The final goal of the CSDP Orientation Course is to support EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies in training their own personnel to be able to work in CSDP-related fields at operational and strategic level.</p>
<p><u>Open to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU member States / Institutions Third countries 	

Learning Outcomes	
Knowledge	L01. Explain the organisational structure of and decision-making processes in the EU and the relevant EU bodies, including relevant processes L02. Identify the elements of the EU integrated approach to external conflicts and crises L03. Describe the objectives of the EU Global Strategy L04. Summarise the principles of CSDP missions and operations L05. Explain the Civilian CSDP Compact L06. Summarise the capability development mechanism, including the MS national processes L07. Explain partnerships and cooperation with third countries and other players L08. Summarise and explain the EU role and position in International Community L09. Describe relations with global actors and the added value that EU can bring to global action and cooperation
Skills	L01. Identify lessons learnt and good practices in the context of CSDP L02. Identify civilian-military coordination aspects and challenges L03. Apply the integrated approach in the field of CSDP missions and operations
Responsibility and Autonomy	L04. Analyse and formulate arguments why/when/where CSDP missions might be needed L05. Compare and demonstrate lessons identified in the CSDP environment L06. Adapt CSDP to future challenges

Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes

The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model: it makes use of *level 1 evaluation (based on participants' satisfaction with the course)*. *Evaluation feed-back* is given in the level 1 evaluation on the residential modules.

In order to complete the course, participants have to accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated based on their active contribution to the residential modules, including their syndicate sessions and practical activities as well as on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants must finalise the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (*mandatory*), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated out-test/quiz. **However, no formal verification of the learning outcomes is foreseen; proposed ECTS is based on participants' workload only.**

Course structure

The course will take place over a week time (5 working days)

Main topic	Recommended Working Hours (of which eLearning)	Contents
1.Introduction	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ESDC, EEAS, ESDC Strategic Objectives • Terminology and concepts regarding CSDP, CFSP, EU
2.International security context	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International security context & EU role in global action and cooperation • EU relations with global actors & EU position in the international strategic competition (including Grand Strategies of different global players) • Future of CSDP
3.EU's strategic policy documents	5 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU Global Strategy and its implementation • EU Strategic Compass • EU strategies and concepts related to CSDP
4.EU decision-making process and crisis management structures	6 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU decision-making: European Council; Council of the European Union; Political and Security Committee; EU Military Committee; Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management; Political and Military Group and relations with other working entities • The European External Action Service and EU crisis management structures • Supporting structures: EU Satellite Centre, European Defence Agency, European Security and Defence College, EU Institute for Security Studies
5.CSDP crisis management procedures	5 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Framework for Crisis Approach • Political-strategic planning process • Crisis Management Concept • Civilian/ military strategic and operational planning process • Standard/fast-track processes • Command and control options
6.CSDP missions and operations and capability development	6 (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian and military capability development • EU CSDP missions and operations deployed on the field • Basic information and peculiarities of the missions and operations • Civilian COMPACT • EU Peace Facility (EPF)
7.Horizontal issues and regional aspects of CSDP	6 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizontal issues / transnational threats and challenges (land, sea, air & space/ cyber environment etc.) • Regional aspects concerning e.g. the Ukraine, the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean&Red Sea, Arctic Region

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships with third countries (incl. framework partnership agreements) and international organisations (i.e. UN, OSCE, NATO, African Union) Strategic communication (communicating CSDP), including Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference Intelligence and CSDP Gender issues / Women, peace and security Cultural heritage protection issues Climate change challenges Hybrid threats & Artificial intelligence
8.EU integrated approach	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EU external action toolbox: development, humanitarian aid The role of CSDP within the integrated approach EU integrated approach in action
9.Working group assignment / interactive exercises	4 (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw up joint discussion points [working groups]
TOTAL	38 (17)	

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Materials</u></p> <p>CSDP Handbook</p> <p><i>Essential eLearning:</i> AKU 1 History and context of ESDP/CSDP development AKU 2 European Global Strategy AKU 4 CSDP crisis management structures and chain of command AKU 36 Civilian Compact on CSDP</p> <p>Syndicate materials, scenario, other documents provided by course director</p> <p><i>Recommended study on a voluntary basis:</i> AKU 25 EU mutual assistance clause AKU 11 B Gender aspects of missions and operations AKU 6 CSDP decision-shaping/making AKU 24a EU Command and control Information system AKU 00 – Strategic Compass</p>	<p>The course is based on the following methodology: lectures, panels, workshops etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional information</u></p> <p>The Chatham House Rule is applied during all residential modules of the HLC: "participants 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".</p> <p>The Course Programme should include 75% of chosen topics of proposed in this Course syllabus.</p>
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