



HELLENIC JOINT INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

INVITATION TO THE “COUNTERING DISINFORMATION WITH APPLIED OSINT TECHNIQUES” COURSE

(Activity Number: 24-25/218/01)

Athens, 31 March - 11 April 2025

Greece is privileged to host, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), a course dedicated to Countering Disinformation. The course is delivered by the Hellenic Joint Intelligence School (HJIS), within the framework of the PESCO project “Joint EU Intelligence School (JEIS)” and is scheduled to be held in Athens, from 31 March to 11 April 2025.

The course is developed in the framework of the Cyber Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (Cyber ETEE) platform of the ESDC and broadens the scope of its activities by addressing fundamental knowledge on the counter disinformation domain.

Furthermore, the course aims to improve the knowledge, skills and competences of intelligence personnel, through structured methods and laboratory exercises, while promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practices among participants.

The training includes a preceding e-learning session which, as a mandatory module, will provide the participants with all the essential introduction materials to familiarise themselves with Disinformation and associated OSINT techniques. During the ten-day residential part of the course, the participants will be educated on Disinformation as well as Social Network Analysis and instructed on the application of multiple structured techniques to ensure efficient countering of potential disinformation endeavours.

The course will be delivered in English and is designed to accommodate a maximum of 15 participants. Physical presence is mandatory due to the lab exercises and the endeavour to enable sufficient networking among the attendees. Applications for participating in the course should be submitted by the candidates **NLT 3 March 2025**.

The course is open to military personnel (NCOs OR-6 through OR-9, WO and Officers OF-1 through OF-5) as well as mid to senior civil servants from EU Member



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States and EU institutions and agencies who are currently employed in positions necessitating the application of intelligence knowledge and skills.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to the “Countering Disinformation with Applied OSINT Techniques” Course. The registration procedure is fully detailed in the listed Annexes below.

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ANNEXES

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ANNEX A

Administrative Information

- **Target audience:** The course is open to military personnel (NCOs OR-6 through OR-9, WO and Officers OF-1 through OF-5) as well as mid to senior civil servants from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies who are currently employed in positions necessitating the application of intelligence knowledge and skills.
- **Applications and deadline:** Applications should be submitted by designated nominators using the ESDC ENLIST Platform <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than **3 March 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- **Registration:** Registration will be finalised and confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. Upon finalisation of the participants', the course administration will communicate with the selected participants and provide detailed information and guidelines regarding the course.

Please do not book flights and accommodation until you get confirmation for your participation.

- **Medical emergency** costs should be covered by the participants' medical insurance provided by the sending country/ organization. The Host Nation does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.
- **Seats:** Maximum course capacity is limited to 15 participants.
- **Language:** Working language is English, without translation.
- **Time:** The course commences on Monday 31 March and concludes on Friday 11 April 2025. Estimated daily course durations are specified in Annex C.
- **Dress Code:** Civilian Smart Casual dress for all participants, including military personnel.
- **Cost:** There are no tuition fees for the course; however, the sending authorities will assume all expenses regarding traveling and accommodation.
- **E-learning:** The residential part of the course will be preceded by mandatory e-learning modules which are required to be completed prior to the starting date. Detailed information and guidelines will be communicated to the selected participants.



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- **Attendance:** Attendance by physical presence is mandatory for the full course period. A certificate will be awarded to the participants who have attended the entire course.
- **Location:** The course will be held at the premises of the Hellenic Joint Intelligence School in Athens. Additional information is available in Annex B.
- **Points of Contact:**
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ANNEX B

Transportation

1. HJIS is located at «FAKINOI Military Camp» in the municipality of «Papagou» in the city of Athens Address: 5-7 Panagiotti Kanellopoulou Avenue, Athens, 11527 (see map 1).

School Premises (map 1)



2. There are no accommodation facilities at HJIS. Participants are accountable for the arrangement of their own lodging and transportation from/ to the Airport.

3. Daily transportation to and from the HJIS premises will be provided throughout the Course. Standard Mini-Bus Route as depicted in map 1 (Syntagma Square - Vasilissis Sofias Avenue – President Hotel – HJIS premises and vice-versa). An alternative route may be followed in case it is more convenient for the majority of the participants. Detailed instructions and exact pick-up points will be provided after the completion of the registration process.

4. Recommended hotels located near HJIS or in the vicinity of Syntagma Square (starting point of the bus route), are as follows:

- a. **Royal Olympic Athens 5*** hotel <https://www.royalolympic.com>
Athnasiou Diakou 28, Athina 117 43, Tel: +3021 0928 8400



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- b. **Electra Metropolis Athens 5* hotel**
<https://www.electrahotels.gr/el/athina/electra-metropolis-athens>
Mitropoleos 15, Athina 105 57, Tel: +3021 4100 6200
- c. **Electra Hotel Athens 4* hotel**
<https://www.electrahotels.gr/en/athens/electra-athens>
Ermou 5, Athina 105 63, Tel: +3021 0337 8000
- d. **Amalia Hotel 4* hotel** <https://amaliahotelathens.gr>
Leoforos Vasilisis Amalias 10, Athina 105 57, Tel: +3021 0323 7300
- e. **President Hotel Athens** <https://president.gr>
Leof. Kifisias 43, Athina 115 23, Tel: +3021 0698 9000

5. Participants opting not to reserve accommodation at the aforementioned hotels are kindly requested to consider **the Mini-Bus route** (see map 1) and the **hotel reviews** that are accessible through relevant web pages (also examine the reviews of the respective surrounding areas) prior to selecting their accommodation.

6. In case of reserving a hotel away from the bus route, the participants are responsible to arrange their own transportation from/ to the HJIS premises. The nearest Metro Station is "KATEHAKI" (Approximately 20 mins walking distance or 4-5 mins by Taxi (see map 3). Participants have also the option to disembark at "MEGARO MOUSIKHS" station and subsequently board on the Mini – Bus.



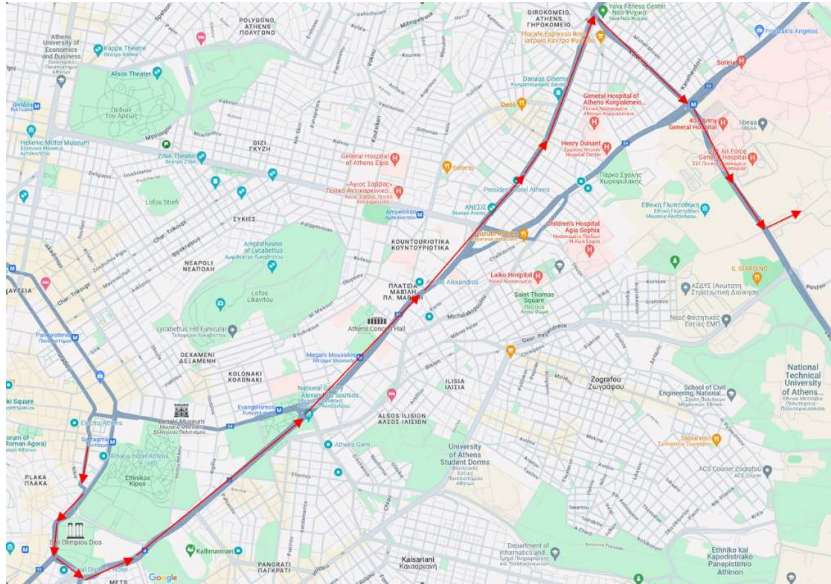
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Mini-Bus route (map 2)



Walking Route from Metro (Katehaki station) (map 3)





ANNEX C

Tentative Training Program

Day	Training Periods		Training Objectives
	From	Until	
31 March	08:30	09:15	General Brief: Location – Security – Health Care
	09:25	10:10	Training Objectives – Introduction
	10:20	11:05	OSINT Principles - Definitions
	11:15	12:00	Search Engines (Simple, Metasearch, Clustering, IoT)
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Google Operators – Advance Search (Practice)
	13:25	14:10	OSINT Tools
	14:20	15:00	Multimedia tools, Misc Internet tools
1 April	08:30	09:15	Internet tools Practice
	09:25	10:10	Internet – Legend Accounts
	10:20	11:05	Basic Internet sites, Deep Web
	11:15	12:00	Metadata Exploitation
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Social media (Exploitation)
	13:25	14:10	Origin- Definitions-The Information Environment
	14:20	15:00	Influence Superiority - Modern Impact OSINT Operating environment
2 April	08:30	09:15	OSINT Operating environment Practice
	09:25	10:10	Messaging -Country Perspective Modern Impact
	10:20	11:05	Disinformation in the Online Environment -Detecting Disinformation through OSINT
	11:15	12:00	Hashtag Hijacking - Individual Targeting
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break



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Day	Training Periods		Training Objectives
	From	Until	
	12:30	13:15	Trusted Source - Topical Source
	13:25	14:10	Social Media Algorithms
	14:20	15:00	Group Influence - Pages - People
3 April	08:30	09:15	Actor Intent - Capability
	09:25	10:10	Actor Case study (Russia)
	10:20	11:05	Actor Case study (Russia)
	11:15	12:00	Actor Case study (China)
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Actor Case study (China)
	13:25	14:10	Actor Case study (Iran)
	14:20	15:00	Methodology Images and Videos - Fact Checking - Social Media Verification Content Monitoring
4 April	08:30	09:15	Content Validation – Verification
	09:25	10:10	Image Video Validation – Verification Practice
	10:20	11:05	Collecting at scale Collection Setup
	11:15	12:00	Web scraping tools
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Analysis Methodology
	13:25	14:10	Analysis Activities- Analysing Bot Networks
	14:20	15:00	Twitter Campaigns - Data Bot Networks – Twitter Troll Networks
7 April	08:30	09:15	Collected Data tabular analysis
	09:25	10:10	Collected Data tabular analysis Practice
	10:20	11:05	Collected Data Visualization
	11:15	12:00	Data Visualization Tools
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Data Visualization Practice
	13:25	14:10	Data Visualization Practice



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	From	Until	
	14:20	15:00	Data Visualization Practice
8 April	08:30	09:15	Twitter Campaigns - Existing Data
	09:25	10:10	Social Network Analysis (SNA)-Introduction
	10:20	11:05	SNA Fundamental Concepts
	11:15	12:00	Engagement Measurements - Collection
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	SNA Practice
	13:25	14:10	SNA Practice
	14:20	15:00	SNA Practice (Multiplatform analysis)
9 April	08:30	09:15	Generative AI - Defining AI
	09:25	10:10	Generative AI Implementations
	10:20	11:05	Large Language Model (LLM) Private GPT
	11:15	12:00	Setting up Private GPT
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Using Generative AI For OSINT
	13:25	14:10	Guidelines to Enhance OSINT Research
	14:20	15:00	Generative AI-Practice
10 April	08:30	09:15	Lab Exercise
	09:25	10:10	Lab Exercise
	10:20	11:05	Lab Exercise
	11:15	12:00	Lab Exercise
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Lab Exercise
	13:25	14:10	Lab Exercise
	14:20	15:00	Lab Exercise
11 April	08:30	09:15	Lab Exercise
	09:25	10:10	Lab Exercise



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Day	Training Periods		Training Objectives
	From	Until	
	10:20	11:05	Challenges - AI-enabled Disinformation
	11:15	12:00	Course Recap – Training Evaluation Form
	12:00	12:30	Coffee Break
	12:30	13:15	Graduation Ceremony
	13:25	14:10	Graduation Ceremony
	14:20	15:00	Graduation Ceremony