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**INVITATION TO THE “COUNTERING DISINFORMATION WITH APPLIED OSINT
TECHNIQUES” COURSE FOR THE EU CSDP MISSIONS**

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Brussels, 3 - 7 March 2025

Greece is privileged to organise in Brussels with the support of the European External Action Service (EEAS), 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 of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (HNDGS), within the framework of the PESCO project “Joint EU Intelligence School (JEIS)” and is scheduled to be held in Brussels, from 3 to 7 March 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 five days 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 30 participants. Physical presence is mandatory due to the lab exercises and the endeavour to enable sufficient networking among the attendees. Applications



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for participating in the course should be submitted by the candidates **NLT 28 February 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 to civilian **personnel from EU CSDP Missions** who are currently employed in positions necessitating the application of intelligence knowledge and skills. The participants should bring their laptops to participate in the labs. No extra software installation will be needed.

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 bellow.

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ANNEXES

- «A» Administrative Information
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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 civilian **personnel from EU CSDP Missions** 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 **28 February 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 30 participants.
- **Language:** Working language is English, without translation.
- **Time:** The course commences on Monday 3 March and concludes on Friday 7 March 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.
- **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.



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- **Laptop requirements:** The laptop requirements are specified in ANNEX B.
- **Location:** The course will be held at the Congress Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB), **Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels**, room 3.C.

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ANNEX B

Laptop Requirements

Please ensure your system is configured according to the following guidelines:

- A properly configured system is essential. Failure to read and adhere to these instructions may hinder your ability to participate in hands-on exercises. Therefore, please arrive with a system that meets all outlined specifications.
- Make sure to back up your system prior to Course or use a device that does not contain sensitive or critical data.
- Ensure your operating system is fully updated before the class to have the necessary drivers and patches installed.
- CPU: A 64-bit Intel i5/i7 (8th generation or newer) or an equivalent AMD processor is required. A 2.0+ GHz x64 bit processor is essential for this course.
- A minimum of 8GB of RAM is required.
- At least 30GB of free storage space is necessary.
- Wireless networking (802.11 standard) is required, **as there is no wired Internet access available in the classroom.**
- The operating system must be the most recent version of Windows 10, Windows 11, or macOS 10.15.x or later.
- Ensure your host operating system is fully updated before the class to have the necessary drivers and patches installed.
- Local Administrator Access is essential. If your organization cannot provide this access during the course, consider using a different laptop.
- It is important to disable or completely remove any antivirus or endpoint protection software, or ensure you have the administrative rights to do so. Some modules of the course require full administrative access, and these programs may hinder your ability to complete the labs.
- Any restrictions on outgoing traffic may impede your ability to complete the lab exercise. Firewalls should be turned off, or you must have the necessary administrative rights to disable them.