

## EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

### VASIL LEVSKI NATIONAL MILITARY UNIVERSITY (NMU)

**Invitation to the**  
**Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Military Officer Profession (SQF-MILOF)**  
**Familiarisation Course**  
**(Training Activity Number 23-24/65/2)**

Taking place in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, 22-24 April 2024

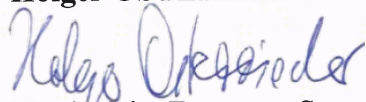
Vasil Levski National Military University (NMU) has the honour to organise, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the *Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Military Officer Profession (SQF-MILOF) Familiarisation Course*, from 22 to 24 April in Veliko Tarnovo.

SQF-MILOF is designed to help Member States develop and classify military qualifications by describing specific learning outcomes for the military officer profession. As such, it serves as an interface or 'translation tool' among the education and training opportunities offered in different countries, making it possible to compare different programmes. By simplifying the identification of equivalent training in other countries, it facilitates professional education and training exchanges between the MS and enhances the creation of a common peace, security, and defence culture.

The course aims to familiarise competent personnel from the EU Member States and Institutions with the SQF-MILOF package. It does so by enabling a discussion of the implications of implementation roadmaps at national level and by enabling training in the associated basic skills required in the context of national military qualifications and the Core Curriculum for Military Officers (MILOF-CORE).

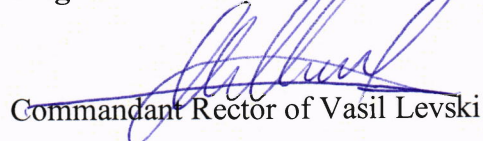
The successful implementation of the SQF-MILOF requires a broader interaction between several national stakeholders. We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate appropriate candidates for this ESDC training activity. For further information, please refer to the draft programme and administrative instructions in the annexes.

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**Brigadier General Ivan MALAMOV**



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Annexes

A. Course Draft Programme

B. Administrative Instructions

## Annex A

### SQF-MILOF Familiarisation Course Draft Programme “Vasil Levski” National Military University (NMU), Veliko Tarnovo 22 –24April 2024

#### Monday 22Apr 2024

08.00-08.30	Meeting within NMU premises
08.30-09.00	Registration / Coffee break
09.00-09.30	Opening Session
09.30-10.30	Overview of the EQF, NQF and governance bodies. The Bulgarian case (Presentation / Discussions / Q&A)
10.30-11.00	Coffee break / Group photo
11.00-11.50	Training design in military education: level of education / Assessment and evaluation (Presentation / Discussions)
12.00-12.30	Introduction to SQF-MILOF / Competence-based qualifications framework / Competence profile of the Military Officer (Presentation)
12.30-13.00	Learning Outcomes Development / SQF-MILOF descriptors / SQF-MILOF proper and MILOF-CORE, Relationship (Presentation / Discussions Q&A)
13.00-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.00	<i>Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE (Presentation/ Discussions / Q&amp;A)</i>
15.00 -16.30	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Teamwork – Step1
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16.45 -18.00	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Discussions Step 1 / Guidance for Teamwork – Step2
18.30-19.00	Heading to Yantra Grand Hotel
19.00-22.30	Icebreaker

#### Tuesday 23 Apr 2024

09.00-10.30	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Teamwork – Step2
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.30	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Discussions – Step 2 / Guidance for Teamwork – Step 3
11.30- 13.00	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Teamwork – Step 3
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-14.30	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Discussions – Step 3 / Guidance for Teamwork – Steps 4 and 5
14.30-15.00	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Teamwork – Step 4 and 5
15.00-16.00	Levelling national military qualifications to SQF-MILOF and MILOF-CORE Discussion – Step 4 and 5 / Conclusions

### Wednesday 24 Apr2024

09.00-10.00	SQF-MILOF and micro-credentials towards a European University for the military
10.00-10.45	Challenges in Curriculum Development in Higher Military Education. Compliance Analysis of EQF, NQF and SQF (Presentations)
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.45	Individual learning to MILOF-CORE (Practical session)
11.45-12.15	Military Qualifications Database. Comparing national military qualifications
12.15-12.30	Closing ceremony, Certificates

## Sectoral Qualification Framework for the Military Officer Profession (SQF-MILOF)

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### Administrative Instructions

- The EU Member States and European institutions are invited to nominate two participants each, at mid- to senior-level rank. The training audience includes, but is not limited to, personnel dealing with military qualifications at national level and curriculum developers from training and education providers.
- Applications are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secured registration system <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than 20 March 2024. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- The course consists of a preliminary part on the eLearning platform of the ESDC and a residential part. Both parts are compulsory. The preliminary session will be available with effect from 20 March 2024. The topics during the residential module will be explored in an interactive manner, in sessions followed by Q&A, as well as in panel discussions and teamwork activities. The SQF-MILOF Package publications can be downloaded from <https://esdc.europa.eu/sqf-milof/>.
- The residential module, of the course, is hosted on the NMU premises, 76, Bulgaria blvd., 5007, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.
- All costs for international travel, transportation to Bulgaria, accommodation and catering during the course are to be covered by the sending authorities. Participants should arrange their own travel to Bulgaria, accommodation, and meals. The closest airports to Veliko Tarnovo are Sofia and Varna.
- **Please note that Vasil Levski National Military University will provide transportation from/to Sofia or Varna airports. Transportation will be provided in groups depending on the time of arrival/departure based on the transportation request made in advance.**
- Another option for transportation from/to Sofia/Varna airports is to rent a car at the airport or use public transportation (please note that this trip from Sofia/Varna to Veliko Tarnovo may take 3-4 hours). The cost of public transport or a taxi from Sofia/Varna Airport to Sofia/Varna Central Bus Station will be around 10 euros. There is a metro in Sofia, but not in Varna. Bus fare from Sofia/Varna to Veliko Tarnovo is around 20 EUR.
- The dress code is “daily office uniform” for military and “business casual” (jacket with tie or female equivalent) for civilians.
- **Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation.**
- In case of medical emergencies, costs are to be covered by the participant’s medical insurance provided by the sending country / organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

• Accommodation of participants. There are several hotels located in the centre of Veliko Tarnovo. The following hotels are frequently used by our course participants:

- **Hotel Premier\*\*\*\***  
Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo, 1 Sava Penev Str.  
Reservations:  
Mobile: +359 886 05 65 65  
Fax: +359 62 603850  
E-mail: [hotel.premier@abv.bg](mailto:hotel.premier@abv.bg)  
[www.hotelpremier-bg.com](http://www.hotelpremier-bg.com)
- **Hotel Panorama\*\*\*\***  
Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo, 63 "Stefan Stambolov" Str.  
Phone: +359 88912 6612  
E-mail: [panorama.vt@abv.bg](mailto:panorama.vt@abv.bg)  
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