

Curriculum

To be reviewed by <i>February 2021</i>	Activity number 3A	CSDP Training Programme (CSDP TP) and CSDP High Level Conference	ECTS 5
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<u>Target audience</u> The target audience of this specific training programme is officials from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies and EU partner countries.	<u>Aim</u> The course aims to give participants an understanding of the Common Security and Defence Policy, while providing a detailed overview of structures and procedures at EU level. It will enhance participants' knowledge and skills in analysing conflicts and crises. At the same time, it encourages the formation of networks among individuals.
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Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the main objectives of the Common Security and Defence Policy; Identify the main players at EU level and the relevant meeting formats of the Member States; Gain a basic understanding of the structures and procedures; Recognise the principles of the EU's external action; Name relevant ongoing CSDP missions and operations.
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply EU guidelines and principles; Categorise the various levels of the decision-making process; Demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of current CSDP structures and procedures; Distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of EU institutions and Member States.
	Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and manage the advantages and disadvantages of the EU's role as a global player; Summarise the main achievements of the EU Global Strategy; Address the weak points of the planning phase of CSDP engagement; Assess action to be taken at EU and national level to mitigate cyber risks and threats.

<u>Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes</u>
<p>The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model: it uses <i>level 1 evaluation (based on participants' satisfaction with the course)</i>.</p> <p>In order to complete the course, participants must accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated on the basis of their active contribution in the residential module, including their group session and practical activities, and on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants must finalise the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (<i>mandatory</i>), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated 'end-of-course test'/quiz. The evaluation is based on active observation by the course director and the <i>feedback questionnaire filled in by the course participants at the end of each of the three modules</i>.</p> <p>An <i>overall evaluation report</i> is drafted by the course/programme director on completion of the course. For the High Level Conference, a <i>level 1 evaluation</i> is used.</p> <p>However, there is no formal verification of learning outcomes; the proposed ECTS is based exclusively on the participants' workload.</p>

Course structure		
Main Topic	Recommended study hours (of which eLearning)	Contents
Module 1: eLearning	10 (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and Development of CSDP EU Global Strategy The EU's crisis management structures Decision-making/shaping
Module 2: CSDP orientation course (OC)	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EU's strategic environment The EU's structures and procedures Working with partners Horizontal and regional CSDP issues The Future of CSDP
Module 3: CSDP reflection seminar (RS)	50 (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current CSDP issues (e.g. migration and terrorism) The EU Global Strategy and its implementation Capability development Strategic partnerships Decision-making/shaping
High Level Conference (HLC) - Alumni	30 (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New developments in CSDP Strategies and concepts New risks and threats Regional and horizontal CSDP issues
TOTAL	100 (20)	Training programme
	130 (30)	Training programme and High Level Conference

Materials	Additional information
<p><i>Essential eLearning:</i> Materials are made available online on the ESDC eLearning platform.</p> <p><i>Recommended study (voluntary):</i> As decided by the programme/conference director/module leader.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>The programme is designed to support EU partnerships; the training programme is therefore tailored to the needs and requirements of partners.</p> <p>In order to facilitate discussion between course participants and trainers/experts/guest speakers, the Chatham House Rule is used during the residential module: <i>'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'</i>.</p> <p>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 EU partner countries. The entities organising the programme must bear their own costs relating to organisation and administrative support.</p> <p><i>* 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.</i></p>