

Curriculum

To be reviewed by <i>February 2023</i>	Activity number 47	International Contracting Course	ECTS 4
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<p><u>Target audience</u></p> <p><i>Participants should be senior level experts (civil and military personnel) working in areas related to Contractor Support to Operations (CSO). Priority is given to the personnel from EU Member States deploying to CSDP missions and operations.</i></p>	<p><u>Aim</u></p> <p>This two-week course is aimed to enhance the knowledge and understanding of a comprehensive CSO approach within the EU framework. It also increases the information sharing, collaboration and cooperation among the different actors, namely military, civilian supplier, in the wider context of CSO.</p> <p>The course shall provide an opportunity to create a network of people working in fields of CSO.</p>
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Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List frameworks, stakeholders, tools, processes, instruments and principles of CSO as well as the main structures and roles of European institutions Identify the main trends, capabilities and principles (e.g. ATHENA, NSPA/OLSP) in CSO Name the strategic management tools and the relevance of European organisations and networking
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate intercultural awareness Identify best practices and lessons learned Diversify between European and international legislation, agreements and treaties
	Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the concept and principles of CSO Evaluate the core soft skills of CSO

Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes

The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model: it makes use of level 1 evaluation (based on participant's satisfaction with the course).

In order to complete the course, participants have to accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated based on the active contribution in the residential Module, including their syndicate session and practical activities as well as on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants finalise the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (mandatory), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated out-test/quiz. Active observation by the course director/lead instructor and feedback questionnaire filled by course participants at the end of the course is used.

At the end of the course, the participants have to pass a written and oral test on the following topics: fundamentals of CSO; service provision in mission abroad; service provision via NSPA; Athena, international accounting; contracting exercise run during training. However, no formal verification of learning outcome is foreseen; proposed ECTS is based on participants' workload only.

Course structure		
Main Topic	Recommended Working Hours (of that eLearning)	Contents
Basics Contractor Support to Operations (CSO)	44 (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of CSO on the base of on-going missions Main key - players (EDA, ATHENA, NSPA, UN)
Service provision in mission abroad	44 (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of service provision in mission abroad Fundamentals of contract law; case studies
Contracting Exercise (ContrEx)	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem based learning; case studies as a ContrO in a theatre
TOTAL	108 (24)	

Materials	
<p><u>Recommended eLearning:</u> AKU 1 'History' AKU 2 'EU Global Strategy' AKU 4 'Crisis Management Structures and Chain of Command' AKU 10 'Mediation' AKU 15 'Armaments Cooperation' AKU 21 'Intercultural Awareness' AKU 29 'Working in Conflict Affected Areas' HANDBOOK ON CSDP</p> <p>Handbook "International Contract Law" English for contract and company law, 3rd Edition; Chartrand, Millar and Wiltshire; ISBN: 978-1-84703-446-5 Athena financial rules</p> <p><u>Suggested supplementary material:</u> OLSP user manual final Convention on International Sale of Goods (CISG) Regulation No 1215/2012 of the European Parliament Regulation (EC) No 593/2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) Regulation (EC) No 864/2007 on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II) LI/LL Ecolog EDA - In theatre MEDEVAC Procurement and contracting procedures EU Concept for Contractor Support to EU – led military operations EEAS 00754/14 agreed by the EUMC on 04 April 2014 EU generic minimum standards – EUMS dated 20/11/2006 LI/LL EUBG 2012-2, 2016-2</p>	<p><u>Additional information</u></p> <p>All course participants have to prepare for the residential module by going through the relevant eLearning preparatory phase, which is mandatory.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the discussion between course participants and trainers, experts, guest speakers etc., the Chatham House Rule is enforced during the residential part of the course: "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>