



**THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
AND
THE ITALIAN ARMY POST CONFLICT OPERATIONS STUDY CENTRE**

**Invitation to the
4th BASIC COURSE ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM
Turin, Italy, 28th September - 1st October 2021**

The Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), is pleased to announce the forthcoming “4th Basic Course on Security Sector Reform” which will be held in Turin (ITALY) from 28th September to 1st October 2021.

The Course is conceived within the framework of the ESDC education and training annual programme as one of the three educational paths that ESDC has established in response to a specific training need of enhancing SSR knowledge and practice within the European Union.

The aim of the course is to give a general overview and to offer a basic knowledge of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) Concept as an essential multidimensional element of conflict prevention, crisis management, institution building and stabilization effort, which is increasingly playing a central role for a sustainable long-lasting peace. During the course particular attention will be given to the European Union approach and its wide-strategic framework in support of SSR, the gender role in SSR will be brought into focus and special emphasis will be given to the Defense Sector Reform (DSR) and its implementing challenges.

The course will consist of two compulsory phases: an Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) phase (from 6th to 27th September 2021), followed by a residential phase which will be held in Turin from 28th September to 1st October 2021. Should any possible negative evolutions of COVID-19 pandemic happen, the latter phase will be delivered on-line (detailed instructions will be further distributed accordingly). Upon completion of the course participants will acquire a sound understanding of SSR concept being able to apply key EU SSR policy and guidance documents during the planning and/or implementation of a CSDP mission/operation or EU Commission's programmes/projects.

The Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC), under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), hereby has the pleasure to kindly invite you to nominate your candidates for the 4th Basic Course on SSR which is tailored to military officers (from Major to Colonel) and civilian officials/executive roles, coming from EU MS, Bodies and Agencies (personnel coming from EU candidate Countries can be admitted upon request).

Col. Antonio DEL GAUDIO
Director of the Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre

ANNEXES:

1. Log/Admin details
2. Draft course syllabus

LOG/ADMIN DETAILS

1. In accordance with the ESDC policy, the course doesn't have any tuition fee to be paid.
2. The costs for travel, accommodation and meals shall be covered by sending authorities.
3. EU MS, EU Institutions and relevant agencies are invited to nominate their candidates and send their applications (via ESDC secure internet ENLIST system) by designated nominators at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> .
4. Other invited parties are expected to send their candidates (full name and e-mail address) to the ESDC Secretariat (secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu) for evaluation.
5. **The registration procedure will be open until 5th September 2021.**
6. The final admission to the course is subject to the official confirmation by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
7. The course will consist of the following two mandatory phases:
 - Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) Phase :
It will take place from 6 to 27 September 2021. During this phase participants will be required to complete the following Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs):
 - ✓ *AKU 2 - The European Security Strategy (ESS)*;
 - ✓ *AKU 3 - Role of EU institutions in the field of CFSP/CSDP*;
 - Residential phase
It will take place from 28 September to 1 October 2021 in Turin at the ITA Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre – PCOSC (Via Confienza, 16 – 10121 Torino). This phase will consist of frontal lessons and panel discussions in which participants will be encouraged to interact as much as possible.
Should any possible negative evolutions of COVID-19 pandemic happen, the residential phase will be delivered on-line (detailed instructions will be further distributed accordingly).
8. English will be the working language for the all the course.
9. Attendance is mandatory all days. A certificate will be awarded to those participants who will have completed the full course (including the IDL phase).
10. An ice-breaker social event will be organized during the residential phase.
11. Upon completion of the registration period, a detailed info-package will be forwarded to all the participants who will be admitted.
12. Points of Contacts:
 - For Administrative Issues
 - ✓ ESDC Secretariat at secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu
 - For Contents and Logistics
 - ✓ The ITA Army PCOSC Secretariat at infocspco@comform.esercito.difesa.it.



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4th ESDC BASIC COURSE ON SSR

COURSE SYLLABUS (draft)

Turin, 28 September - 1 October 2021

DATE	TIME		ACTIVITY	NOTES
	From	To		
TUESDAY 28 th Sept. 2021	09:00	09:30	Admin Issues and roundtable presentation	<i>PCOSC's Staff</i>
	09:30	09:45	Welcome address	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	09:45	10:15	Introduction to the ESDC	<i>ESDC's Rep</i>
	10:15	10:30	Family Picture	
	10:30	11:00	Coffee Break	
	11:00	11:30	Course Introduction	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	11:30	13:00	Framing SSR – part 1	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	13:00	14:30	Lunch	
	14:30	16:30	Framing SSR – part 2	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	20:00	22:00	“Ice-breaker”	

DATE	TIME		ACTIVITY	NOTES
	From	To		
WEDNESDAY 29 th Sept. 2021	08:45	09:00	Admin Issues	<i>PCOSC's Staff</i>
	09:00	10:30	The EU's approach to SSR	<i>EEAS's Rep</i>
	10:30	11:00	Break	
	11:00	13:00	The NATO standpoint on SSR	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	13:00	14:30	Lunch	
	14:30	16:30	Gender-Responsive SSR	<i>TBD</i>

DATE	TIME		ACTIVITY	NOTES
	From	To		
THURSDAY 30 th Sept. 2021	08:45	09:00	Admin Issues	<i>PCOSC's Staff</i>
	09:00	10:30	The military contribution to SSR	<i>PCOSC's Rep</i>
	10:30	11:00	Break	
	11:00	13:00	The Defence Sector Reform – case study	<i>TBD</i>
	13:00	14:30	Lunch	
	14:30	16:30	Building integrity: a crucial building-block	<i>TBD</i>

DATE	TIME		ACTIVITY	NOTES
	From	To		
FRIDAY 1 st Oct. 2021	08:30	08:45	Admin issues	PCOSC Staff
	08:45	10:15	Course wrap-up and open discussion	
	10:30	11:00	Feedback	
	11:00	11:30	Closing remarks and graduation ceremony	
	11:30	12:00	Farewell coffee break	
		12:00		End of course