

**Invitation to the
CSDP Orientation Course
(Training Activity Number 24-25/3/2)
Brussels, 16–20 September 2024**

The European Union Military Staff and the European Security and Defence College have the honour to organise the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, to be held in Brussels, in residential format, from 16th to 20th September 2024.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of EU training activities in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy. It aims to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The course will provide attendees with an overview of the civilian and military aspects of European Security and Defence Policy, going into more detail as it unfolds.

The course consists of an e-learning part, as well as a residential session, held in Brussels, both parts being compulsory for confirmed participants. It will offer an in-depth analysis of Common European Security and Defence Policy, while the participants will have the opportunity to network, and share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

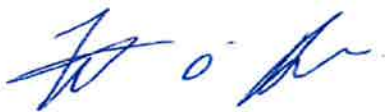
The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

Within that in mind, we would like to invite you to participate on the CSDP Orientation Course and support the accomplishment of the ultimate goal of the course: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP related fields.*

Details concerning the registration process can be found in Annex A.

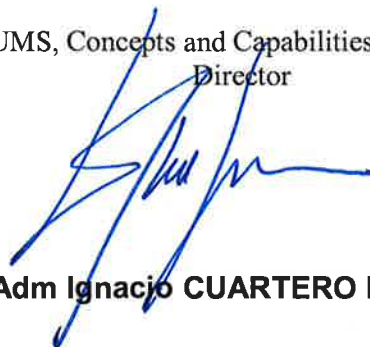
The Course is open to EU institutions, EU Member states, CSDP Missions and Operations, international organisations and third countries.

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Annex A: Administrative Instructions

Annex B: The CSDP OC' Topics

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Administrative Instructions

- **Target group:** The course is open to both military and civilian personnel. The EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies and the CSDP missions and operations are kindly invited to nominate, one participant each. Third countries and international organisations (such as NATO, UN, etc.) are welcome to put forward suitable candidates.
- **Seats and nominations:** The course capacity is 55 seats, with up to 35 participants from the EUMS & MPCC.
- **Application:** Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than **08th August 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, and to ESDC Course Manager Igor.Cebek@eeas.europa.eu, by the institution/organisation that receives this invitation. The application should indicate the: full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), personal (business) e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, validity of passport, date of birth, institution and the reason how this course benefits the applicant.
- **Registration** will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat (not later than **15th August 2024**) and upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.
- **Recommendation for enlisted participants:** Do not book flights and accommodation before receiving confirmation of registration.
- **Language:** The language regime of the CSDP “*English without translation*” - applies.
- **E-learning and attendance:** The course consists of an **e-learning** part to be done on the ESDC e-learning platform ILIAS, as well as a **residential session** held in Brussels, both parts being **compulsory**. Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to course participants, who have completed the full course, including the **compulsory** e-Learning phase.
- **The course begins on 16 August 2024 with the e-learning phase.** The residential part of the course will take place in Brussels from **08:45 on Monday 16 to 12:45 on Friday 20 September**. We would recommend arriving as early as on 15th September 2024, due to the heavy Monday- morning traffic in Brussels.
- The content/topics of the **CSDP OC Programme** is attached to this document as **Annex B**. The final version of the CSDP OC Programme will be distributed to all registered participant no later than 09th September 2024 with detailed administrative information.

- You can find your respective nominator's contact information for ESDC courses, on the ESDC pages <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- **Course fees, per diems, costs:** There is no course fees. All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course will be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Dress code:** Office uniform/field uniform/business casual clothes for the rest of the course. The business casual (two colours) for the social event.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, the costs will 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 taking part in the event.
- **Gender equality:** The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the training institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Networking event:** Official dinner will take place on Thursday 19th September 2024, 18:30-21:00.
- **Additional info:** You can consult the CSDP Orientation Course standard curriculum on the ESDC Website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/curricula/>.
- The venue is EU SCIC facility **Albert Borschette Congress Centre (CCAB) 0.B (underground floor)**
Address: Rue Froissart 36, 1049 Bruxelles (8 minutes' walk from the Schuman roundabout). More details about the venue and an access will be provided to all confirmed participants.
- **There are several hotels quite close to the course venue. Below are some hotels normally used by our course participants:**

Thon Hotel EU:

<https://www.thonhotels.com/hotels/belgium/brussels/thon-hotel-eu/>

Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont:

<https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-brussels-eu-berlaymont>

Holiday Inn Brussels – Schuman:

<https://holidayinnschuman.hotelsbrussels.net/en/>

- **Points of contact:**

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The CSDP OC' Topics

- The EU's Global strategy;
- The EU's strategic compass;
- CSDP decision making and crisis management procedures;
- The role of EUMS and MPCC;
- The EU's integrated approach to conflict and crisis;
- Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations - gender and human rights;
- The EU's military and civilian missions and operations;
- Cooperation with partner organizations and countries (focused on EU-UN/ EU-NATO);
- The EU's civilian and military command and control (C2) options;
- The EU's Rapid Response Force;
- The European Peace Facility (EPF) – its role in supporting military training, missions and operation;
- Hybrid and cyber threats - EU response;
- Strategic communication;
- EU Intelligence;
- The EU's defence initiatives in support of capability development;
- EUAM Ukraine and EU Security;
- The future of EU CSDP;
- Interactive Workshop focused on Conflict Analysis;
- EU Climate Security and Defence.