



## CSDP Orientation Course (21-22/3/2)

Brussels (online), 04 - 08 October 2021

### INVITATION

The Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs – I.R.T.E.A has the honor to organize, under the aegis of European Security and Defence College, the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, to be held in Brussels (online), from the 4<sup>th</sup> of October until the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

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 participants with an overview of the civilian and military aspects of Common Security and Defence Policy and going into more detail as it unfolds.

The course consists of an eLearning part, as well as a residential session, held in Brussels, both parts being compulsory. It will offer an in-depth analysis on Common European Security and Defence Policy, taking into account the integrated approach and experiential approach via simulation game. Participants will have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for 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.*

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## CSDP Orientation Course - Administrative Information

- **Target group:** The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and Agencies, CSDP Missions and Operations, third countries and International Organizations who are either involved in or designated to work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) matters.
- **Seats & nominations:** As a result of Covid-19 pandemic the event will be held virtually and the total number of participants is limited to 30 persons. Typically, one seat / Member State will be allocated. However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional seat could be allocated. EU Member States, EU-Institutions/Agencies and International Organizations are invited to nominate each, **two (2) participants maximum.**
- **Application:** Applications from the EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **not later than 20 August 2021.** A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- **Attendance:** The participant's attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-Learning modules.
- **eLearning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning module (set to start from 6th of September), which needs to be finalised before the online course starts on 04 October 2021.
- **Language:** Working language is English without translation.
- **Dress code:** Dress/jacket and tie or service uniform.
- **Additional info:** Further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants in due time.



- **Points of contact:** Course Director, Ms. Despina PAPADAKI (despina.papadaki@gmail.com) and the Training Manager from ESDC Secretariat, Mr. Simone COCCIA (Simone.COCCIA@eeas.europa.eu).

## LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COURSE STRUCTURE

Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the organisational structure of and decision-making processes in the EU and the relevant EU bodies</li> <li>• Identify the elements of the EU integrated approach to external conflicts and crises</li> <li>• Describe the objectives of the EU Global Strategy</li> <li>• Summarise the principles of CSDP missions and operations</li> <li>• Summarise the capability development mechanism</li> <li>• Explain partnerships and cooperation with third countries and other players</li> </ul>
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify lessons learnt and good practices in the context of CSDP</li> <li>• Identify civilian-military coordination aspects and challenges</li> <li>• Apply the integrated approach in the field of CSDP missions and operations</li> </ul>
	Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyse and formulate arguments why/when/where CSDP missions might be needed</li> <li>• Compare and demonstrate lessons identified in the CSDP environment</li> <li>• Adapt CSDP to future challenges</li> </ul>
<b>Course structure</b>		
<b>Main topic</b>	<b>Contents</b>	
EU's strategic environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new EU Global Strategy and its implementation</li> <li>• European Agenda on Security (Internal Security Strategy)</li> <li>• EU strategies and concepts related to CSDP</li> </ul>	
EU decision-making process and crisis management structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU decision-making: European Council; Council of the European Union; Political and Security Committee; EU Military Committee; Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management; Political and Military Group</li> <li>• The European External Action Service and EU crisis management structures</li> <li>• Supporting structures: EU Satellite Centre, European Defence Agency, European Security and Defence College, EU Institute for Security Studies</li> </ul>	
CSDP crisis management procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Framework for Crisis Approach</li> <li>• Political-strategic planning process</li> <li>• Crisis Management Concept</li> <li>• Military/civilian strategic planning process</li> <li>• Standard/fast-track processes</li> <li>• Command and control options</li> </ul>	
CSDP missions and operations and capability development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civilian and military capability development</li> <li>• EU CSDP missions and operations deployed on the field</li> </ul>	
Horizontal issues and regional aspects of CSDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizontal issues such as security sector reform, migration, non-proliferation, gender, human rights and rights of the child, terrorism, emerging threats (e.g. cyber, hybrid, energy)</li> <li>• Regional aspects concerning e.g. the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean</li> <li>• Partnerships with third countries (incl. framework partnership agreements) and international organisations (i.e. UN, OSCE, NATO, African Union).</li> <li>• Strategic communication (communicating CSDP)</li> </ul>	
EU integrated approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EU external action toolbox: development, humanitarian aid</li> <li>• The role of CSDP within the integrated approach</li> <li>• EU integrated approach in action</li> </ul>	
Syndicate assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw up joint discussion points [working groups]</li> </ul>	