



Invitation to CSDP Orientation Course



Brussels, Belgium – 15-19 September 2025
ESDC Activity No. (25-26/3/1)

The European Union Military Staff (EUMS), under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) has the pleasure and honour of inviting you to the CSDP Orientation Course that will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 19 September 2025.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of the ESDC training activities with the aim to develop and promote a broad understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The main aim of the Course is to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners in the global security environment. The course provides a general overview of the civilian and military aspects of the CSDP. In particular, participants will be introduced to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes. Participants will be offered the opportunity to join a network of professionals working in the field of CSDP.

Participants are generally entry/mid-level staff (police, military, diplomats and civilians) from Member States, EU institutions, bodies, and agencies, as well as third countries and international organisations, with some experience in security policy matters.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free 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 underrepresented to apply.

We would be pleased if you could nominate suitable candidates for this training activity. It would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, who are well equipped to work in CSDP-related fields.

Please find attached details concerning the registration process (Annex A) and CSDP OC Topics (Annex B).

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Annex A

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Administrative Information

- **Target Group:** The course is open to civilian, diplomatic, police and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions, bodies, and agencies, as well as CSDP Missions and Operations, who are or will be involved in CSDP-related activities. International Organisations, candidate and third countries are also welcome to put forward suitable candidates.
- **Nomination:** All EU Member States, EU institutions, bodies, and agencies may nominate one participant each. The total number of participants is limited to 55 persons, with up to 35 participants from the EUMS/MPCC.
- **Application:** Applications from EU Member States, EU institutions, bodies, and agencies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>. 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 and to Melinda.BOA@eeas.europa.eu, by the institution/organisation that receives this invitation. The application should indicate: the full name of the candidate (as indicated in official documents used for accessing course venue), personal e-mail address (no functional mailboxes), nationality, passport number, the validity of the passport, date of birth, institution and relevance of the course to the applicant.

- **Inclusivity:** 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.

- **Registration & Deadline:** The registration period will end on **18 August 2025**. The registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the ENLIST registration form by the nominated participant.
- **Language:** Working language is English with no interpretation.
- **E-Learning:** The course will be preceded by mandatory e-Learning modules, set to start on 25 August 2025, which need to be completed before the residential phase.
- **Attendance:** Full participation is required for the entire duration of the course. Participants will receive the ESDC certificate on the last day of the course only if they have completed the full course, including the e-Learning modules. The residential part of the course will be held in Brussels, commencing at 09:00 on Monday, 15 September, and concluding at 12:30 on Friday, 19 September 2025.
- **Course Venue:** The course will take place at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels.
Link for directions: https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/document.cfm?action=display&doc_id=15342
- **Costs:** Sending authorities will cover all costs for travelling, accommodation and catering (including breakfast) for participants.
- **Travel Arrangements:** Participants are kindly requested to make their individual travel arrangements (including for accommodation), in line with their sending authorities' guidelines.
- **Meals:** The ESDC will host a farewell dinner on Thursday evening. Coffee breaks will be provided at the course venue. Participants are kindly requested to arrange for all other meals. There is a number of options for lunch in the vicinity of the course venue.

- **Dress Code:** For Monday and Friday: Uniformed personnel - Daily uniform with tie and jacket. Non-uniformed personnel - business suit.

For the rest of the course: Uniformed personnel - daily uniform. Non-uniformed personnel - business casual.

- **Liabilities and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, participants' medical insurance must cover all costs. The organisers do not provide health or accident insurance for participants taking part in the event.
- **Additional Information:** Confirmed course participants will receive further detailed information on the course in due time, such as the programme and e-Learning instructions.
- **Contact:**

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CSDP Orientation Course Indicative List of Topics

Annex B

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- 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 organisations 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 and Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI);
- EU Intelligence;
- The EU's defence initiatives in support of capability development;
- EUAM/EUMAM Ukraine and EU Security;
- The future of EU CSDP;
- Interactive workshop focused on conflict analysis;
- EU Climate Security and Defence.