



CSDP Orientation Course (20-21/3/7)

Brussels, 25-29 January 2021

INVITATION

The Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs – I.R.T.E.A has the honor organize, under the aegis of European Security and Defence College the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, to be held in Brussels, from the 25th of January until the 29th of January 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 European 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.*

George Antonakakis

Chairman & Cofounder



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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 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 Belgian Covid-19 regulations, **the total number of participants is limited to 28 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>, **no later than 05 January 2020.** 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 7th of January), which needs to be finalised before the residential phase (Monday to Friday 13.00 to 13.00) in Brussels starts.
- **Language:** Working language is English without translation.
- **Costs:** All costs for international travelling and accommodation (including breakfast) shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Dress code:** Dress/jacket and tie or service uniform.
- **Liabilities and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, the costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/ organization.



The organizer does not provide health or accident insurance for participants taking part in the event.

- **COVID-related info:** Due to COVID-19 situation, social distancing rules and measures will be in place (additional info will be provided prior to the course). All participants are obliged to follow Belgian regulations and guidelines. If case be, on request, a note of exemption for quarantine can be provided for course participants arriving from risk areas.
- **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, dr. Georgică PANFIL (Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu).

LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COURSE STRUCTURE

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