



CSDP Orientation Course (22-24/3/6)

Brussels, 6–10 November 2023

INVITATION

The European Union Military Staff and the European Security and Defence College have the honour to co-organise the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, held in Brussels, from 6 to 10 November 2023.

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 go 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 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, diverse, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. This is why we encourage you to nominate candidates from groups, which are likely to be under-represented.

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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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. Third countries and international organisations are welcome to put forward candidates.
- **Seats & nominations:** The course capacity is 60 seats, with up to 30 participants from the EU (Force and Operation) Headquarters/Military Planning and Conduct Capability (EU Force / Operation HQ / MPCC Community).
- **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 15 September 2023. 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 by the nominated participant. Further detailed information on the course will be sent by email to the course participants as soon as the participants list is complete.
- Applications from the EU Force / Operation HQ / MPCC Community should be sent to the EU Operations Centre at eu_operations_centre@eeas.europa.eu which will make the final selection for the 30 seats dedicated to the EU Force / Operation HQ / MPCC Community. The application should indicate the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing the course venue), first name, personal e-mail address, nationality, passport number, the validity of passport, date of birth, institution / EU Force / Operation HQ and position in their respective HQ.
- Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@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 the course venue), personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, validity of passport, date of birth, institution.

- **Attendance:** The attendance is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules.
- **E-Learning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning module (set to start on the 6 October), which should be finalised before the residential phase in Brussels.
- **Language:** The working language is English without translation.
- **Costs:** All costs for international travelling and accommodation shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Venue:** The venue will be in the proximity of the Schuman European Quarter, which is where the main EU institutions are located. More precise details will be given later.
- **Dress code:** Business casual.
- **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.
- **Additional info:** The course standard curriculum can be accessed from the ESDC website, <https://esdc.europa.eu/>
- **Points of contact:**
 - Course Director, LtCol Brigitte Van den Broeck
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Annex B

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Draft Programme

Monday, 06/11/2023	Tuesday, 07/11/2023	Wednesday, 08/11/2023	Thursday, 09/11/2023	Friday, 10/11/2023
08.45-09.30 EUMS Presentation and introduction to the course ESDC Presentation 09.30-09.45 Welcome remarks 09.45-10.00 Coffee Break 10.00 -11.00 EU Global Strategy 11.00-12.00 Strategic Compass	08.45-09.00 Overview of the day 09.00-10.30 CSDP Crisis Management Structures & Procedures 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break 11.00-12.15 Role of MPCC. EU military missions Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 1)	08.45-09.00 Overview of the day 09.00-10.30 Role of EUMS Military Operations and Missions Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 3) 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break 11.00-12.30 Cooperation with partner organizations and countries. EU-UN/ EU-NATO Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 4)	08.45-09.00 Overview of the day 09.00-10.00 The EU Rapid Response Force Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 5) 10.00-10.15 Coffee Break 10.15-12.30 Emerging threats, Cyber Security, Hybrid Threats and Strategic Communication Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 6)	08.45-09.00 Overview of the day 09.00-10.00 EUAM Ukraine Mission challenges 10.00-10.15 Coffee Break 10.15 – 11.30 The future of CSDP 11.30-12.00 Closing remarks Award ceremony and Group Photo
12.00-13.00 Lunch Break	12.15-13.15 Lunch Break	12.30-13.30 Lunch Break	12.30-13.30 Lunch Break	
13.00-16.00 Groups preparation for Participant-Expert discussions 19.00 – 21.00 Official dinner	13.15-14.45 EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crisis Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 2) 14.45 – 15.00 Coffee Break 15.00 –16.00 Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations (gender and human rights)	13.30-14.30 EU Civilian Missions and EU Civilian CSDP COMPACT 14.30 – 14.45 Coffee Break 14.45 – 16.30 EU CSDP Civilian Missions deployed on the field	13.30-15.15 EU Intelligence Participant-Expert Discussion (Group 7) 15.15 – 15.30 Coffee Break 15.30 – 16.45 EU Defence initiatives in support of capability development	