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Invitation to the **Seventh Common Security and Defence Policy training programme for Eastern Partnership countries**

Activity Number 22-23/3/15 and Activity Number 22-23/3/9

CSDP Orientation Course (OC) (module II) in Vienna, 13-15 June 2023

CSDP Reflection Seminar (RS) (module III) in Tbilisi, 25-27 July 2023

The eight Common Security and Defence Policy training programme for Eastern Partnership countries 2023 is hosted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and the Defence Institution Building School of Georgia, and supported by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and DG NEAR.

The Eastern Partnership contributes to the overall goal of increasing the stability, prosperity and resilience of the EU's neighbours, as set out in the Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy and the 2015 Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy. We are therefore pleased to announce the start of the seventh cycle of the three-modular CSDP training programme for Eastern Partnership countries. It will be open to all five current Eastern Partnership countries.

This training programme has been designed for Eastern Partnership countries and, as such, respects their regional diversity. Its approach is comprehensive, covering diplomatic, civilian, military and police matters. The goal of the programme is to establish a strategic community that is knowledgeable about CFSP/CSDP issues. In that context, it aims to contribute to institution-building and to foster a common European security culture. Ultimately, it seeks to bring Eastern Partnership countries closer to the European Union.

The ESDC, and its network members and partners in the region, have been planning, designing and delivering this tailor-made ESDC course together since the creation of the CSDP training programme for Eastern Partnership countries in 2013. The programme is updated every year



to ensure that it meets the training needs and requirements of the Eastern Partnership countries.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and hence the ESDC and its partners, achieve their true potential. For that reason, we particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

We take great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants for this course, which is an excellent opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the CSDP within the global security environment and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture.

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Annexes:

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Administrative information: CSDP Orientation Course in Vienna 13-15.06.2023

- **Target group:** The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies, all of which are invited to nominate participants up to an overall maximum of 28. Eastern Partnership countries may nominate up to three participants each.
- **Places & nominations:** A maximum of 13 places will be available for international participants (plus 15 places for EaP countries).
- **Application should be submitted no later than 22 May 2023, as follows:**
 - Designated nominators should nominate participants from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies through the secure internet system ENLIST. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
 - Eastern Partnership countries should send their nominations not later than 22 May 2022 to jochen.rehrl@bmlv.gv.at, and should put all their nominations (i.e. up to three participants) in one document. Please provide personal email addresses for the nominees (no functional email address), and indicate clearly their first name, surname and organisation.
 - Once the official nominations have been submitted, a selection board will decide which nominees to accept as participants on the programme. The ESDC will let nominees know whether they have a place **by 24 May 2023**.
- **Attendance:** The participant's attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. The course participants, who will complete the entire course (including the e-Learning modules), will receive the ESDC certificate. The course is fully residential with no possibility for a hybrid format.
- **eLearning: mandatory e-Learning module (set to start on 25 May)** will precede the course and course participants will have to complete it, using ILIAS platform before the residential phase in Vienna, Austria.
- **Language regime and attendance:** The working language regime of the CSDP will apply (English and French without translation).
- **Costs:** The CSDP course is run as part of the Eastern Partnership work programme, which is managed by the European Commission. The European Commission therefore covers all costs relating to participation by the Eastern Partnership beneficiaries. Subsequently, the European Commission will contact the EaP participants in order to arrange flights and accommodation (including a moderate daily allowance). To facilitate this process, please make sure to provide an active personal email address for each candidate.



Authorities sending participants from EU Member States and EU institutions will have to cover any costs related to the course (but there is no course fee).

- **Dress code:** Formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liability and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, sending countries/organisations should cover the costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants participating in the event.
- **Start and end of activity:** The activity will start on Tuesday, 13.06. (09.00) and end on Thursday, 15.06 (17.30). We would kindly ask that participants arrive on Monday and depart on Friday so that no course content is missed.
- **Additional info:** Further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants in due time by the organisers;
- **Points of contact:** Course Director from the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union,
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Draft Programme

CSDP Orientation Course (OC) in Vienna (Austria) from 13 to 15 May 2023

Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June
ARRIVAL	9.00-9.30 Registration 9.30-10.00 Admin + ESDC 10.00-11.00 Welcome + key note speech 11.00-11.30 Health break 11.00-12.30 Strategic environment	9.00-10.30 EU's integrated approach 10.30-11.00 health break 11.00-12.30 Strategic Compass (implementation phase) and Civilian Compact	9.00-10.30 Conflict analysis in the EU 10.30-11.00 Health break 11.00-12.30 Conflict analysis simulation	DEPARTURE
	12.30-14.00 Lunch break	12.30-14.00 Lunch break	12.30-14.00 Lunch break	
	14.00-15.30 New instruments: (a) European Defence Fund (EDF) and (b) European Peace Facility (EPF) 15.30-16.00 Health break 16.00-17.30 (a) CSDP missions and operations and (b) working with partners	14.00-15.30 Hybrid threat and strategic communication 15.30-16.00 Health break 16.00-17.30 Working groups: discussion of a revision of the EU Global Strategy	14.00-15.30 Panel discussion: the future of CSDP 15.30-16.00 Health break 16.00-17.00 Hot wash up, evaluation 17.00-17.30 Awarding of certificates	
	17.30-18.30 Icebreaker (hosted by Austria/Georgia)	18.00-21.30 Reception (hosted by Austria/Georgia)		

To be reviewed by <i>February 2025</i>	Activity number <i>3.a</i>	CSDP Training Programme (CSDP TP) and CSDP High Level Conference	ECTS 5
CORRELATION WITH CTG/MTG TRAs			EQUIVALENCES
N/A			N/A
<u>Target audience</u> Participants would normally be entry / mid-level staff and officials with some previous experience in security policy matters.		<u>Aim</u> The course aims to give participants a broad understanding of the Common Security and Defence Policy. In particular, participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures, processes and activities. Participants will have the opportunity to network with other people working in the field of CSDP.	
Open to: ▪ EU Member States and institutions			
Learning outcomes			
Knowledge	LO.01 Define the main objectives of the Common Security and Defence Policy		
	LO.02 Identify the main players at EU level and the relevant meeting formats of the Member States		
	LO.03 Gain a basic understanding of the structures and procedures		
	LO.04 Recognize the principles of the EU's external action		
	LO.05 Name and summarize relevant ongoing CSDP missions and operations.		
Skills	LO.06 Apply EU guidelines and principles;		
	LO.07 Categorize the various levels of the decision-making process;		
	LO.08 Demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of current CSDP structures and procedures		
	LO.09 Distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of EU institutions and Member States		

Responsibility and autonomy	<p>LO.10 Assess and manage the advantages and disadvantages of the EU's role as a global player;</p> <p>LO.11 Summarize the main achievements of the EU Global Strategy;</p> <p>LO.12 Explain the Civilian CSDP Compact</p> <p>LO.13 Address the weak points of the planning phase of CSDP engagement;</p> <p>LO.14 Assess action to be taken at EU and national level to mitigate cyber risks and threats.</p>
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Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes

The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model, using *level 1 evaluation (based on participants' satisfaction with the course)*.

In order to complete the course, participants have to accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated based on their active contribution in the residential module, including their group session/practical activities, as well as on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants must finish the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (*mandatory*), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated final test/quiz. The course director/lead instructor actively observes the process and participants fill in a feedback questionnaire at the end of the course.

There is no formal verification of the learning outcomes; proposed ECTS credits are based on participants' workload only.

Course structure

Main topic	Suggested working hours (required for individual learning)	Suggested content
1. Module 1: eLearning	10 (10)	<p>1.1 History and Development of CSDP</p> <p>1.2 1.2 EU relations with global actors & EU position in the international strategic competition (including Grand Strategies of different global players)</p> <p>1.3 The EU's crisis management structures</p> <p>1.4 Decision-making/shaping</p>
2. Module 2: CSDP Orientation Course (OC)	40	<p>2.1 The EU's strategic environment</p> <p>2.2 The EU's structures and procedures</p> <p>2.3 Working with partners</p> <p>2.4 Horizontal and regional CSDP issues</p> <p>2.5 The Future of CSDP</p>

3. Module 3: CSDP reflection seminar (RS)	50 (10)	3.1 Current CSDP issues (e.g. migration and terrorism) 3.2 The EU Global Strategy and its implementation (including the Strategic Compass) 3.3 Capability development 3.4 Strategic partnerships 3.5 Decision-making/shaping
4. High Level Conference (HLC) - Alumni	30 (10)	4.1 New developments in CSDP 4.2 Strategies and concepts 4.3 New risks and threats 4.4 Regional and horizontal CSDP issues
TOTAL	100 (20)	Training programme
	130 (30)	Training programme and High Level Conference
<div> <div> <p><u>Materials</u></p> <p><i>Essential eLearning:</i></p> <p>Materials are made available online on the EDSC eLearning platform.</p> <p><i>Recommended study (voluntary):</i></p> <p>As decided by the programme/conference director/module leader.</p> <p>The course makes use of the ESDC eLearning platform (ILIAS). All course participants must prepare for the residential module by completing the relevant eLearning preparatory phase (mandatory).</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Methodology</u></p> <p>The programme is designed to support EU partnerships; the training programme is therefore tailored to the needs and requirements of partners.</p> <p>In order to facilitate discussion between course participants and trainers/experts/guest speakers, the Chatham House Rule is used during the residential module: <i>'participants in the CSDP HLC are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed'</i>.</p> <p>The sending authorities must bear all costs relating to participation in the course, including accommodation, travel expenses and meals (unless indicated otherwise in the programme); special financial arrangements can be made through the Commission (DG NEAR) for participants from third countries. The entities organizing the programme must bear their own costs relating to organization and administrative support.</p> <p><i>* Participants are asked for their consent to being photographed or filmed during the training sessions; pictures and videos may be used by the ESDC or associated</i></p> </div> </div>		



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	<i>ESDC network partners in connection with CSDP- related training delivered within the network.</i>
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