

CIVILIAN ASPECTS OF EU CRISIS MANAGEMENT

6-8 May 2025

Location: Belmont Building, Rue d'Arlon 62 Room 00-SF00 (Ground floor)

Course Programme

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DAY 1	Tuesday, 6 May		Room 00-SF00 (Ground floor)
TIME	SUBJECT		FACILITATOR
08.30 – 09.15	Official Course Opening Course objective, structure and programme Presentation IDN and ESDC Presentation of participants/Group photo		Jorge Costa Campos, Course Director (IDN) Paula Pereira, Deputy Course Director (IDN) Maria Penedos, ESDC Training Manager
TIME	SUBJECT	LECTURER/SPEAKER	LEARNING OBJECTIVES
09.30 – 10.30	The Future of European Defence	Eleni Lazarou European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)	 Identify and explain long-term trends leading to crisis and their implications for EU policy formulation and implementation in crisis scenarios. Evaluate CSDP instruments at the EU level, including the Civilian Compact and the Strategic Compass.
10.45 – 11.45	Introduction to CSDP and civilian crisis response	Philipp Neubauer Policy Officer EEAS, CivOpsHQ.1.SEC1	 Analyse challenges and opportunities within civilian crisis management. Evaluate/assess alternative methods to enhance crisis prevention and the efficiency of crisis management.
12.00 – 13.00	EU Crisis Management Decision-Making Process	(TBC) PCM.3	 Explain the EU crisis management decision-making process. Analyse and contextualize strategic and operational mission planning documents.
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH HOSTED BY IDN AT BELMONT CAFETERIA		
14.30– 15.30	Civilian CSDP Missions & Operations in Civilian Crisis Management	Eric Steiger Operational Planning EEAS, CivOpsHQ.2.SEC2	 Analyse the EU civilian capability development process and identify its key challenges. Outline the financing mechanisms in EU civilian missions and their legal aspects.
15.45– 17.00	Integrated Approach to civilian crisis management	Crista Huisman Deputy Head of Division EEAS, PCM.1.	 Describe the EU integrated approach and the roles of key EU actors. Examine the roles of governmental and non-governmental actors and their interoperability with CSDP missions.

DAY 2	Wednesday, 7 May		Room 00-SF00 (Ground floor)		
TIME	SUBJECT		FACILITATORS		
08.30-09.00	Recap from yesterday /general information		Jorge Costa Campos, Course Director (IDN) Paula Pereira, Deputy Course Director (IDN) Maria Penedos, ESDC Training Manager		
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Horizontal issues in CSDP: Internal-External Security Nexus, Gender & Human Rights					
09.00-10.00	Justice and Home Affairs Cooperation	Markus Saul Operational Planning EEAS, CivOpsHQ.1.SEC2	 Assess the interconnections between internal and external security issues in crisis management. 		
10.30 – 12.15	Human Rights and Gender Mainstreaming in CSDP Missions and Operations	Christa Jakobsson EUAM RCA Gender Advisor	 Examine the significance of gender and human rights in CSDP missions. Promote coordination among EU crisis management stakeholders and international actors. 		
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH				
Enhancing EU Civilian Crisis Management Capabilities					
14.00 – 14.45	Civilian CSDP Compact	Elzbieta Kustra-Pirveli Policy Officer, Analysis EEAS, SECDEFPOL.1.	 Evaluate CSDP instruments at the EU level, including the Civilian Compact and the Strategic Compass. 		
14.45 – 15.30	Developing civilian capabilities and improving responses	Philipp Bovensiepen Senior Capability Development Planner, EEAS, SECDEFPOL.1.	 Analyse the EU civilian capability development process and identify its key challenges. Evaluate methods to enhance crisis prevention and the effectiveness of crisis management. 		
Experiences of Civilian CSDP					
15.45 – 16.30	EUAM UKRAINE	Edoardo Manfredini Head Europe Section EEAS, CivOpsHQ.2.SEC3	 Analyse contemporary challenges and opportunities in civilian crisis management. Identify how strategic communication supports mission objectives, builds credibility, and counters misinformation. Outline the financing mechanisms in EU civilian missions and their legal aspects. 		
16.45 – 17.30	EUPOL COPPS	Gábor Holota Acting Head MENA Section EEAS, CivOpsHQ.2.SEC5			

DAY 3	Thursday, 8 May		Room 00-SF00 (Ground floor)
TIME	SUBJECT		FACILITATORS
08.30 - 09.00	Recap from yesterday / general information		Jorge Costa Campos, Course Director (IDN) Paula Pereira, Deputy Course Director(IDN) Maria Penedos, ESDC Training Manager
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09.00-10.00	Civilian Crisis Response – lessons learned	Anneli Eriksson Policy Officer, Evaluation EEAS, PCM. 1.	 Analyse contemporary challenges and opportunities in civilian crisis management.
10.15 – 11.15	Cross-cultural awareness in CSDP missions	Gigi de Groot , Leadership Expert, EEAS, CivOpsHQ Office to the MD and the DMD	 Apply intercultural communication principles in a multicultural environment.
11.30 – 12.30	Strategic Communication in Crisis Management	Olivier Baumard Safaa Kaddioui , EEAS, STRAT.4., CSDP Team	 Define strategic communication and its role in EU civilian crisis management. Identify how strategic communication supports mission objectives, builds credibility, and counters misinformation.
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH		
14.00-15.15	CSDP in response to complex emergencies	PSC Ambassador Portugal, Ana Paula Moreira, TBC	 Identify long-term trends leading to crises and evaluate their implications for EU policy formulation. Evaluate methods to enhance crisis prevention and the effectiveness of crisis.
15.30 – 16.00	Official Course End	Jorge Costa Campos, IDN Paula Pereira, IDN Maria Penedos, ESDC	Remaining Questions, Overall Feedback (Survey Monkey) & Certificates