EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

and

LODZ CYBER HUB at the UNIVERSITY OF LODZ, POLAND

Invitation to the course on:

Cybersecurity and International Law

(ESDC activity number 24-25/216/1)

From 10 to 12 February 2025 – residential format, Brussels

Lodz Cyber Hub, a research centre representing the University of Lodz, Poland, under the auspices of the **European Security and Defence College (ESDC)** is organising a full residential course on cybersecurity and international law from 10 to 12 February 2025 in Brussels. This course is a non-specialised cyber course at awareness level. It is linked to the strategic objectives of Pillar 3 of **the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade**[1], reflects the priority on cyber within the **EU's Strategic Compass**[2] and supports the **European Cybersecurity Skills Framework** (**ECSF**) of ENISA[3] 'Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer' profile.

This course offers a practical approach to the application of international law in cyberspace, focusing on current geopolitical challenges and pragmatic solutions. It includes a review of international legal instruments addressing current policies, covering topics such as state responsibility, cybersecurity due diligence, the peaceful settlement of cyber disputes, proportional countermeasures, transboundary data flows – including personal data, Big Data, and GDPR – intermediary liability, platform regulation and the human rights implications of algorithmic design and artificial intelligence.

This course will also enable participants to exchange their views and share best practices on cyber-related topics while improving their knowledge, skills, and competencies. By the end of this course, participants will possess the practical knowledge and skills necessary to address contemporary international law issues in cyberspace.

Part of the ESDC's EAB.Cyber/Cyber Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE) platform, this course is designed for mid-level to senior officials (civilian and military) dealing with cybersecurity issues, and is open to individuals from EU Member States, EU institutions, EU bodies and agencies, candidate countries, third countries, and international and regional organisations.

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, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants from under-represented groups to apply.
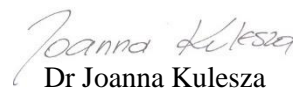
The course is scheduled to take place from **10 to 12 February 2025** in a residential format in Brussels.

Brussels, 24 October 2024

Fergal O'Regan
Acting Head of the
European Security and Defence College

Dr Joanna Kulesza
University of Lodz

Annexes
    A.   Course administrative instructions
    B.   Draft programme

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[1] Shaping Europe's future, https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/europes-digital-decade.
[2] A Strategic Compass for the EU https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/strategic-compass-eu-0_en.
[3] The European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF) framework of ENISA link.

Course administrative instructions

Course: Cybersecurity and International Law

Brussels, 10 to 12 February 2025 (fully residential)

This ESDC course supports the 'Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer' profile

of the European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF) of ENISA

The course will be held in English from **10 to 12 February 2025** in **fully residential format in Brussels, Belgium**, with sufficient accommodation for a **maximum of 25 participants**.

Target audience: The course is open to mid-ranking to senior officials (civilian and military) dealing with cyber security issues and who are from EU Member States/EU institutions bodies and agencies, candidate countries, third countries and international and regional organisations.

How to apply:
- Applications from the **EU Member States and institutions** are to be filled in by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secure registration system via the following link https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login, **no later than 15 January 2025**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/.
- Applications from **non-EU States** have to be identified by their **national authorities** and transmitted to Mr Giuseppe Zuffanti: giuseppe.zuffanti@eeas.europa.eu.

Registration: Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participants' list is finalised, the course administrators will contact the selected participants and provide detailed information on the course.

Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation message.

Medical emergency: Costs should be covered by the participants' medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser will not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

Number of participants: The course capacity is 25 participants.

Language: The working language is English, without translation or interpretation.

Dates: The course starts on Monday 10 February 2025 and ends on Wednesday 12 February 2025. The draft agenda is attached as Annex B.

Dress code: business attire for all participants, including civilians and military personnel.

Cost: The course is free of charge. The sending authorities will cover all costs for travel and accommodation. It is recommended that participants arrive at Brussels International Airport by Sunday 9 February 2025 at the latest. Participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. Further information will be sent to participants following registration.

E-learning: The course begins with an online (asynchronous) e-learning part on the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS), which needs to have been completed before the residential part begins. Both parts are compulsory. Detailed information will be shared with the selected participants.

Supporting services: All administrative information, programmes and material will be made available to the selected participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

Attendance is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules.

Location: The course will take place at the A. Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels (Belgium).

Diversity and inclusion
The ESDC seeks to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Everyone, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, can only reach their true potential in an inclusive environment. We do 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 institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

Cybersecurity and International Law – Brussels, 10 to 12 February 2025 (fully residential) – Course points of contact:

European Security and Defence College:	PoC at the University of Lodz:
• Mr **Giuseppe Zuffanti** Coordinator for cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE platform – Project Manager and Training Manager for Cyber – National Expert giuseppe.zuffanti@eeas.europa.eu	• Dr **Joanna Kulesza** Lodz Cyber Hub / Faculty of Law and Administration Joanna_Kulesza@wpia.uni.lodz.pl

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Lodz Cyber Hub at the University of Lodz of Poland

"Course on Cybersecurity and International Law"

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

10 February – 12 February 2025 – Residential format

Course Venue:
Brussels

Course Director
Lodz Cyber Hub at the University of Lodz
Dr. Joanna Kulesza

European Security and Defence College (ESDC)
Coordinator for Cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE Platform
Project Manager/Training Manager for Cyber – National Expert
Mr. Giuseppe Zuffanti

DAY 1 (CET)	Monday, 10 February 2025
08:30 – 09:00	*Registration*
	SESSION 1 – WELCOME INTRODUCTION
09:00 – 09:40	**Opening Address, the European Security and Defence College and the Cyber ETEE activities:** • *Mr. Fergal O'Regan, Acting Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels* • *Mr. Giuseppe Zuffanti, Coordinator for Cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE Platform – Project Manager/Training Manager for Cyber - National Expert, European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels*
09:40 – 10:15	**Welcome address and introduction to the course:** • *Dr. Joanna Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland – 35' presentation Including Q&A*
10:15 – 10:45	**Informal Tour-de-Table and group photo** • *Presentation of participants*
10:45 – 11:15	*Coffee break*
	SESSION 2 – INTERNATIONAL LAW
11:15 – 12:45	• *Dr. Joanna Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland - 90' presentation including Q&A*
12:45 – 14:30	*Course lunch and ice-breaker*
	SESSION 3 – EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY
14:30 – 15:30	• *Prof. Joe Burton; Professor of International Security in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR), Lancaster University; 45' presentation including Q&A*
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee break*
16:00 – 17:00	• *European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), Including Q&A, Speaker TBC*
17:00 – 17:30	*Closing remarks Day 1*

DAY 2 (CET)	Tuesday, 11 February 2025
09:30 – 10:00	*Registration*
	SESSION 4 - INTERNATIONAL CYBER DIPLOMACY
10:00 – 11:30	• *Dr. **Victor Stoica**– University of Bucharest, Senior Assistant Professor (Tenured) - 90' presentation including Q&A*
11:30 – 12:00	*Coffee break*
	SESSION 5 – CYBERCRIME
12:00 – 13:30	• *Mr. **Michele Socco**, Member of the Cybercrime Unit of **Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME)**, European Commission, Brussels – "CoE Budapest convention on cybercrime" – 90' presentation Including Q&A*
13:30 – 14:30	*Lunch break*
	SESSION 6 – INTERNET GOVERNANCE
14:30 – 15:15	• *Ms. **Elena Plexida**, Vice President Government and IGOs Engagement; Mr **Dmitris Zacharias**, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers - "Internet governance, multistakeholdersim and international lawmaking" - 45' presentation including Q&A*
15:15 - 16:00	• *Mr Romain Bosc; Ms. Alena Muravska European IP Networks - Network Coordination Center (RIPE NCC), 45' presentation Including Q&A*
16:00 – 16:30	*Closing remarks Day 2*

DAY 3 (CET)	Wednesday, 12 February 2025
09:30 – 10:00	**_Registration_**
	SESSION 7 – DATA PROTECTION
10:00 – 11:30	• _Mr._ **_Plamen Angelov,_** _Head of Activity for JHA Matters - Policy & Consultation Unit,_ **_European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), Brussels – 90' Including Q&A_**
11:30 – 12:00	**_Coffee break_**
	SESSION 8 – FUTURE CHALLENGES: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)
12:00 – 13:30	• _Mr._ **_Isidoros Monogioudis,_** _Project Officer Information Technologies,_ **_European Defence Agency (EDA), Brussels – 90' presentation including Q&A_**
	SESSION 9 – CERTIFICATE CEREMONY
13:30 – 14:00	• _Mr._ **_Fergal O'Regan,_** _Acting Head of the_ **_European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels_** • _Dr._ **_Joanna Kulesza,_** _Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland_ • _Mr._ **_Giuseppe Zuffanti,_** _Coordinator for Cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE Platform – Project Manager/Training Manager for Cyber - National Expert,_ **_European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels_**
14:00 – 14:30	**Closing Remarks - End of the Course**

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