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## INVITATION TO THE “ CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY ” COURSE

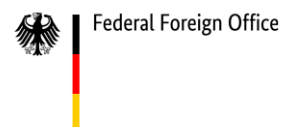
(Activity Number TBC)

Brussels, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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France and Germany have the honor to organize, within the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), a course dedicated to “Climate change and security”. This course is jointly organized by the French Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN) and the think-tank adelphi, as part of the Climate Diplomacy initiative supported by the German Federal Foreign Office. This course will take place, should circumstances regarding the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic allow it, in Brussels, from October 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Environmental challenges have become an important issue of global governance since at least the first Earth summit organized by the United Nations in 1972. During the last years, we are observing an acceleration of both global warming effects and initiatives to limit the climate crisis, which is increasingly posing risks to international peace and security. The fight against climate change is a longstanding one, but three critical events took place this year that show a will to engage this challenge on a global stage:





- At the beginning of 2021, newly elected US president Joe Biden re-joined the Paris agreement.
- In November 2020, the European External Action Service, together with the EU Commission and the European Defence Agency, presented a “Climate change and Defence roadmap”, approved by the EU Commission in January 2021. It confirms the determination of the EU to be a role model and an involved partner to face this crucial issue.
- In June 2021, NATO adopted a Climate change and security action plan during its summit in Brussels.

To help safeguard international security and stability, the European Union needs to connect climate change policies with crisis prevention and peacebuilding approaches and integrate these efforts into existing regional and sectoral policies. Climate change will also affect our armed forces, implying new stakes and missions.

To this end, the interactive training seminar will increase participants’ understanding of : global climate change scenarios and the risks these imply for peace and international security ; key international and European actors, policies and critical debates in the climate change and security context ; the concepts of compound climate-fragility risks and integrated action for resilience-building, how they link to conflict prevention, and what this implies for EU external action, peace operations and CSDP operations ; the adaptation of our armed forces to climate change, with new missions and a greener defence model ; climate-fragility risks with a case study ; and how to account for climate-fragility risks in the day-to-day work of EU and Member states’ institutions and services.

The course is open to civil servants and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions, especially those dealing with strategic and operational aspects of climate change, defence and security issues interested in updating and deepening their knowledge on this matter. Academics and members of the business community from the EU Member States can also be nominated to participate in this course. Attendees will, throughout this course, have the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of various representatives and specialists from EU institutions and Member States on climate-related security risks, including the way defence can adapt without losing operational capacity.



The training will consist of an e-learning preparatory phase as well as a residential seminar in Brussels which will be held from October 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Both parts of the course are mandatory. It will be delivered in the working languages of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), English and French. No translation will be provided for this course.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to this “Climate change and security” course. You will find below all the details regarding the registration process for this course.

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for Higher National Defence Studies  
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### Administrative Instructions

- The course will take place, if should circumstances regarding the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic allow it, in Brussels, in a residential format. Otherwise, depending on the COVID-19 restrictions, the course will be held in a virtual format (*via* the WebEx platform). **Participants will be kept informed of the format of the course (residential or virtual) in due time.**
- It is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions / agencies.
- Applications from the EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies are to be filled *via* the ESDC secure internet system *ENLIST*, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <http://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat **and** upon completion of the requested personal data on *ENLIST* by the confirmed participants.
- The language regime of the CSDP – French and English without translation – applies.
- The participant’s attendance during the course is mandatory **on all days**. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to the participants who have completed the whole course, including the e-learning modules.
- The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-learning module (**set to start from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021** on the ESDC e-learning platform *LIAS*) **which needs to be finalized before the residential phase of the course starts**.
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, social distancing rules and measures will be in place (additional information on that matter will be provided prior to the course). All participants must follow Belgian regulations and guidelines.
- POC
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- Training Manager from the ESDC Secretariat: TBC



## “ CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY COURSE ”

### DRAFT PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> 2021	
Registration / Welcome coffee	
Opening address	
Global Climate change scenarios and impacts	
The relevance of the different global warming indicators	
Key international and European actors and policies	
The climate crisis as an impediment to peace	
Interactive group work : Climate-fragility hotspot mapping	
Wednesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	
European Union action plan across Diplomacy, Development and Defence	
Armed forces and defense industry contribution to mitigate and adapt	
Energy : an issue of sustainable development, autonomy and operational effectiveness for Defence	
Training activity : Negotiating a UNSC resolution on climate security impacts	
Thursday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> 2021	
Focus on a Case study	
Interactive group work : Integrating climate-fragility risks into programs (linked to the Case study)	
The impact on climate change on Human security, Peace operations and CSDP missions and operations	
How can climate security risks be better integrated into professional routines?	
Closing speech	
Certificate hand-out	