



 Federal Ministry
Republic of Austria
Defence

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE (ESDC)

European Armaments Co-operation (EAC) Course

EAC Awareness Level

Brussels, 30 September – 2 October 2024

Programme

(Draft as of 15.07.2024)

Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
European Defence Agency, Brussels
European Security and Defence College, Brussels

Course Venue

EDA premises, Brussels

Course Directors

Alois PREINER

Monday, 30 September 2024

- 12:00 – 12:15 Registration
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Opening Statements and Course Outline**
• *Course Director*
- 13:00 – 13:15 **The European Security and Defence College – An Introduction**
Igor Cebek
European External Action Service, Brussels
- 13:15 – 13:30 Group Photo and Leg Stretch
- 13:30 – 14:00 **Introduction to EDAs role in European Armament Cooperation**
Andre Erich DENK (tbc)
European Defence Agency, Brussels
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Mission, Policies and Projects of the EDA**
Matteo NATLACEN
European Defence Agency, Brussels
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Europe's Global Strategy & Strategic Compass**
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European External Action Service
- 15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45 – 16:30 **Operational – doctrinal basis**
Jan Willem ROEPERT
BUNDESWEHR
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Main Trends in Defence Capability Development**
Ralph BRIERS (tbc)
European Defence Agency
- 17:15 – 20:00 Ice-Breaker Reception

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

- 09:00 – 09:45 **The State of Play of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base**
Carl-Johan LIND
European Defence Agency, Brussels
- 09:45 – 10:30 **DG DEFIS, EDIS, EDIP**
Micha COMNICK
European Commission
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 11:45 **Common Procurement Initiatives (EDIRPA, ASAP)**
Dirk PETERS
European Commission
- 11:45 – 12:30 **European Defence Procurement – Rules and Regulations**
Aris GEORGOPOULOS
University of Nottingham
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch Break*
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Intercultural Communication - Effective International Co-operation – Part 1**
Michael GATES
CrossCulture
- 15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Intercultural Communication - Effective International Co-operation – Part 2**
Michael GATES
CrossCulture
- Free Evening

Wednesday, 2 October 2024

- 09:00 – 09:45 **The Military Dimension of the Common Security and Defence Policy: Exploring Ways to Improve Efficiency**
Carlos SANCHEZ-LEDESMA (tbc)
EU Military Staff
- 09:45 – 10:30 **The European Defence Technological Industrial Base Industry view**
Vassilis THEODOSOPOULOS
AeroSpace and Defence Industries (ASD)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 **Missions, Policies and Programmes of the OCCAR**
Fernand VANWILDER (tbc)
OCCAR
- 11:45 – 12:30 **NSPA, a vital enabler of multinational cooperation**
Joern BRAUER
NSPA
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 14:15 **European Defence – Current Status & Outlook**
Sven BISCOP
Egmont Institute
- 14:15 – 14:45 **Course Evaluation Wrap-up Introduction to Expert Level Course**
Course Director
- 14:45 – 15:30 **CLOSING ADDRESSES AND CERTIFICATE CEREMONY**
- Col. Markus KOHLWEG, Chief of Staff, Austrian Military Representation to the EU and NATO
- Mr. Sean WHITE, Director of Industry, Synergies and Enablers, European Defence Agency