



Invitation

DIPLOMATIC SKILLS FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Activity Number 23-24/67/3

The Cyprus Security and Defence Academy (CSDA) of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus and the West University of Timisoara, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College, have the honour of organising and inviting participants to the **Diplomatic Skills for CSDP Course**. This activity is organised with the support of the Romanian Embassy in Cyprus. The course will take place in Larnaca, Cyprus, from 8 to 11 April 2024 (in a residential format).

The introductory course on Diplomacy for CSDP will focus on a general introduction to the issues involved, aiming to familiarise the participants with the basic principles in the area of diplomacy, and the international strategic and diplomatic context, and a critical assessment of the connections between diplomacy and the CSDP/CFSP domain. It will also discuss new and old diplomacy, globalisation trends, the relevance and place of public diplomacy in the context of CSDP missions, and introduce concepts and practices related to digital/e-diplomacy. The ultimate goal of the Diplomatic Skills Course is to support EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies in training their personnel to work efficiently in CSDP-related fields at operational and strategic levels.

Participants would generally be entry / mid-level staff (police, military, diplomats & civilians) from Member States (MS), EU institutions and agencies, and third countries / international organisations, with some experience in security policy matters.

We invite you to nominate participants for the Diplomatic Skills Course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the ESDC: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

-Diplomatic Skills for CSDP (Larnaca – Cyprus, 8-11.04.2024)-

- **Target group:** The course is open to civilian and military personnel from the EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and CSDP Missions and Operations. The course is also open to participants from third countries.
- **Places & nominations:** *A maximum of 35 places will be available. Typically, one place per Member State will be allocated; however, depending on the total number of requests, an additional place could be provided. We seek for a balanced group composed of civilians, police and military personnel.*
- **Application should be submitted no later than 19 March 2024, 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/>.
 - The competent authority should send participants' applications from the IOs and third countries, directly to the ESDC Secretariat (secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu), CC to Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu and to szambas@mod.gov.cy, mentioning the name, organisation, function, personal e-mail address and motivation to follow the course.
- **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 20 March)** will precede the course and course participants will have to complete it before the residential phase in Larnaca, Cyprus.
- **Language:** The working language will be English, without translation.
- **Costs:** Sending authorities will have to pay for all international travel and accommodation costs (including breakfast)–
- **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 Monday, 08.04 (09.00) and end on Thursday, 11.04 (17.00).



- **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;
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Course (generic) structure

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Potential topics	Suggested Contents
1. Fundamentals of diplomacy	1.1.Key concepts and principles in diplomacy 1.2.Actual challenges for diplomacy 1.3.Diplomatic skills for non-diplomatic personnel
2. New diplomacy	2.1.Diplomacy and management of Global Affairs 2.2.Public Diplomacy 2.3.Cultural diplomacy 2.4.Water diplomacy 2.5.Artic diplomacy
3. International security context	3.1.International strategic and diplomatic competition 3.2. Grand strategies of the world's great powers 3.3.The EU Global Strategy and its implementation (including Strategic Compass)
4. CSDP and Diplomacy	4.1.EU strategies and concepts related to CSDP 4.2.CSDP and Diplomacy 4.3.Role of EU delegations 4.4.Peace, Security and Diplomacy
5. EU Diplomacy	5.1.EU diplomacy and its orientation toward third countries 5.2.EU relations with IOs (OSCE, UN, NATO, ASEAN, etc.) 5.3.EU global and regional interests PESCO Diplomacy
6. Diplomacy and Intelligence	6.1.Role of Intelligence in Diplomacy
7. CSDP missions and operations and capability development	7.1.Civilian and military capability development 7.2.EU CSDP missions and operations deployed in the field 7.3.Basic information and peculiarities of the missions and operations 7.4.Civilian COMPACT
8. Communication and diplomacy	8.1.STRATCOM and diplomacy 8.2.Mediation and Negotiation
9. E-diplomacy	9.1.Digital Diplomacy 9.2.Cyber Diplomacy 9.3.Diplomacy and cyber-security issues
10. Syndicate assignment	10. Draw up joint discussion points [working groups]