



FRENCH INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER NATIONAL DEFENCE STUDIES

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

### INVITATION TO THE COURSE

### “CHALLENGES OF SPACE FOR THE EU & CSDP”

(Activity Number 22-23/27/1)

Paris, 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Military School

The French Institute for Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN) has the honor to organize, within the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), a course dedicated to “The Challenges of Space for the EU & CSDP”. This course will take place in Paris, in the premises of the Military school, from February 14 to February 16, 2023.

Space has now become a field of increasing geopolitical competition, with the emergence of new actors at the international level. In this context, the European Union space strategy has centered around the implementation, at the institutional level, of an inclusive approach, on the one hand, and the promotion of a common vision between EU Member States, through an increasing coordination as regards space activities and programs. Moreover, the European space sector is a key vector in enhancing and reinforcing the EU strategic autonomy. The recent agreement on the EU secure connectivity programme, IRIS<sup>2</sup>, is the perfect example of this ambition.



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This course, by highlighting the strategic importance of space for the European Union in the framework of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), aims at:

- enhancing knowledge and expertise on space characteristics and challenges at the European level and their implications as regards to defence and security;
- providing a detailed overview of policies and concepts related to the EU space strategy;
- giving a global presentation of EU institutions involved in space policies and their respective roles and responsibilities in the implementation of space initiatives and programs;
- underlining the contribution of European space programs on the European Defence Technological & Industrial Base (EDTIB), on the one hand, and the importance of fostering a competitive and innovative European space industry for reinforcing the EU strategic autonomy, on the other hand.

It will also provide an opportunity to give an overview of national space structures and policies at the European level and to further discuss space industry stakes for defence and security but also perspectives for increased international coordination and cooperation in this field.

The course is open to civil servants and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions, more specifically dealing with strategic and operational aspects of space activities and willing to update and deepen their knowledge on that 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 space challenges and their implications from a legal and economic point of view but more importantly as regards defence and security.



The training will consist of an e-learning preparatory phase, on the one hand, as well as a residential seminar which will be held from February 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, both parts of the course being mandatory.

It is therefore with a great pleasure that we invite you to this "Challenges of Space for the EU & CSDP" course. You will find below all the details regarding the registration process for this course.

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### Administrative Instructions

- The course will take place in Paris, in a residential format, at the Military school.
- For quality purposes, the total number of participants is **limited to 40 persons**. Typically, one seat per Member State will be allocated. However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional seat could be allocated. EU Member States and EU-Institutions/Agencies are invited to nominate each, two (2) participants **Maximum**.
- This course is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions / agencies Applications are to be filled *via* the ESDC secure internet system *ENLIST*, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than January 09 2023**. 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 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 January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** on the ESDC e-learning platform *ILLIAS*) **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.
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  - Course Director: **Ms Odette Tomescu-Hatto** (Odette.Tomescu-Hatto@ihedn.fr) and Ms Emilia Didier (emilia.didier@diplomatie.gouv.fr);
  - Training Manager from the ESDC Secretariat: **Mr. Simone COCCIA** (simone.coccia@eeas.europa.eu).



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**Draft programme**

<b>Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	
Registration	
Introduction (administrative aspects)	
Opening Address – The EU’s Space Strategy in an era of geopolitical competition	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	
<b>A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE EU’S SPACE STRATEGY</b>	
Legal framework of the European Space Policy	
EU Space Policy (Actors & Procedures)	
Challenges to Security in Space: Evolution Prospects for the CSDP	
Presentation of the different EU space programs	
<b>Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>	
<b>PARTNERSHIPS &amp; COOPERATIONS: FORGING A COMMON VISION AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL</b>	
National space policies in Europe and their specificities	
International dimension of cooperation in space security	
EU Space Surveillance and Traffic Management	
<b>Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>	
<b>THE EU SPACE SECTOR: BETWEEN INNOVATION &amp; COMPETITION</b>	
EU Space Economic Diplomacy	
Enhancing EU Investments in Space Innovation & Research: discussing strategic assets	
The European Space Industry & the EU Strategic Autonomy	
Closing Speech – The Future Challenges of a Renewed European Space Strategy	
Certificate Ceremony	