INVITATION

TO THE

COURSE ON "THE CHALLENGES OF EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY"

(ESDC ACTIVITY NUMBER 24-25/200/1)

Online (*via WebEx*), September 30 – October 04, 2024

The Portuguese National Defence Institute (IDN) under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), has the great honour to organize, the 2024 edition of the course dedicated to "*The Challenges of European cybersecurity".* To promote participation, this course will be held virtually (*via* the Cisco *WebEx* platform).

Cyberspace has become a global common and prominent strategic domain in international relations. In this context, the European Union (EU) has strengthened its strategic standing to efficiently tackle emerging and increasing threats posed by cyber actions while also benefiting from relevant opportunities in the new digital age. The EU Cyber framework, inter alia, the adoption by the Council in June 2017 of the Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox and its June 2023 Implementing Guidelines, the revision of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy in 2020, the Strategic Compass in 2022, the EU Policy on Cyber Defence in 2022 and the NIS2 Directive, highlight the EU's engagement and involvement as regards the reinforcement of its posture in cyberspace.

This course will address several topics to better understand EU Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence practices and challenges and identify the broader dynamics of cyber-policy, in five sessions dedicated to the following themes:

- o Cyberspace: Concepts & Policies
- o Cyber Resilience
- o Capabilities and Requirements
- o Diplomacy and Compliance
- o Decision Making Exercise

Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to learn and exchange views with experts and officials on cyber threats and national policies, EU capabilities, strategies, and policies to address cyberspace challenges, legal frameworks, and confidence-building measures in cyberspace. As a non-technical cyber training, course participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials dealing with strategic aspects in the field of cyber security and cyber defence from EU MSs, relevant EU Institutions and Agencies as well as candidate countries and countries outside the EU.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that Portugal invites you to this course regarding the challenges of European Cybersecurity. Please find attached all relevant details regarding the registration process.

Ambassador Ana Paula MOREIRA

Portuguese Permanent Representative
to the European Union
Political and Security Committee

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Administrative Instructions

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- **Participation:** The course is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, EU institutions/agencies, candidate countries and 3rd countries.

- **Application:** The EU Member States, institutions, and agencies are invited to identify, select, and nominate their appropriate candidates **no later than 20 September 2024**. Applications should be submitted by designated nominators using the ESDC ENLIST platform - https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login
  - A list of official nominators can be found on the ESDC website *via* the following link: http://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/.
  - Registration will not be completed **until confirmation** by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
  - For any issue concerning the application, registration, and nomination processes, please contact:
    - ESDC Training Manager (ESDC): Mr. Evangelos ENGLEZAKIS, evangelos.ENGLEZAKIS@eeas.europa.eu
    - ESDC Cyber ETEE FMB: ESDC-CYBER-ETEE@eeas.europa.eu
    - ESDC Secretariat: SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu
    - Course Director (IDN Portugal): Col. João BARBAS (joao.barbas@defesa.pt)

- **Language**: The language of the course will be English.

- **E-Learning**: a mandatory eLearning module (Internet-based Distance Learning - IDL) will be scheduled from **23 September 2024** and will have to be finalised before the online training ends.

- **Attendance**: participants' online attendance at the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who will have completed the entire course (e-learning and online parts).

- **Costs**: participants do not have to pay any fees to attend this module.

- Further detailed information regarding this course will be forwarded *via* e-mail directly to course participants as soon as the attendance list is confirmed.

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Tentative Agenda

Friday, September 27th, 2024
10h00 – 11h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session
14h00 – 15h00 (CET) – WebEx Test Session
Monday, September 30th, 2024 // 09h00 - 13h30 (CET)
Course Welcome and Introduction
Keynote Speech
SESSION I - CYBERSPACE: CONCEPTS & POLICIES
Cyberspace and Digital Societies
Emergent Technologies and Cybersecurity
Cyber-threats: Trends and Challenges
Tuesday, October 01st, 2024 // 09h00 - 13h30 (CET)
MODULE 2 – CYBER RESILIENCE
EU Framework for Cyberspace
EU Fight Against Cybercrime
Hybrid Landscape
[Dis]Information and Influence Operations
Wednesday, October 02nd, 2024 // 09h00 - 13h30 (CET)
SESSION 3 - CAPABILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS
Cyber Defence for the European Institutions and the CSDP
EU Role in Reinforcing Member-States's capabilities
Cyber Challenges for the Private Sector
Risk Management
Thursday, October 03rd, 2024 // 09h00 - 13h15 (CET)
SESSION IV – DIPLOMACY AND COMPLIANCE
International Law and Cyberspace
EU Cyber Diplomacy
Cooperation for Cybersecurity
Governance and Policy
Friday, October 04th, 2024 // 09h00 - 13h00 (CET)
SESSION V – EXERCISE
Decision-making Exercise
Closing Address