



INVITATION TO THE “CYBER DIPLOMACY ADVANCED COURSE”

(ESDC activity number 21-22/207.b/1)

Brussels, October 25-27, 2022

The French Institute for Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN) and the Portuguese National Defence Institute (IDN) have the great honour to organize, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the “Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course”. The course will take place **in Brussels, from October 25th to 27th**, and will accommodate maximum 30 participants.

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 adoption of the Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox by the Council, in June 2017, the revision of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy in 2020, the Strategic Compass in 2022, and further developments, highlight the EU’s engagement and involvement as regards the reinforcement of its posture in cyberspace.

This module will address several topics to better understand Cyber Diplomacy tools, practices and challenges, also identifying the broader dynamics of international cyber-policy relevant for the EU, in five sessions dedicated to the following themes:

- Cyber Diplomacy: Concepts & Actors;
- Rules, Norms and International Law;
- Emerging Trends and Geopolitical Challenges in Cyber Diplomacy;
- Confidence-Building Measures & Capacity Building;
- Cyber Diplomacy Case Study.



Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to learn and exchange views with experts and officials from around the world on issues such as international law, influence operations and confidence-building measures in cyberspace.

It is therefore with great pleasure that France and Portugal invite you to this advanced course on Cyber Diplomacy. Please find below all relevant details regarding the registration process.

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Administrative Instructions

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- Participation: the course is open to government representatives, intergovernmental staffs and non-governmental organizations, as well as to entry to high-level diplomats.
- The course will accommodate a maximum number of **30 participants** from EU Members-states governmental institutions, academia, EU institutions and agencies.
- Application: are to be filled *via* the ESDC secure internet system *ENLIST*, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 30th September 2022**. 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.
- POC: for any issue concerning the application, registration, nomination processes, please contact:
 - ESDC Training Manager: Mr Horatius GARBAN - horatius.garban@eeas.europa.eu
 - Course Director, IDN Portugal: Col. João BARBAS - joao.barbas@defesa.pt
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- Language: the language of the Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course will be English.
- E-Learning: **a mandatory eLearning module** (Internet-based Distance Learning - IDL) will be scheduled **from 10th October 2022** and will have to be finalised before the course starts.
- Attendance: participants' 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 full course (e-learning and online parts).
- Costs: participants do not have to pay any particular 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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Tuesday, October 25 th 2022 // 09h00 - 17h45 (CET)	
Course Opening and Administrative Aspects	
Keynote Speech	
SESSION I - CYBER DIPLOMACY: CONCEPTS & ACTORS	
What is Cyber Diplomacy?	
Cyber Diplomacy Key Actors	
EU Cyber diplomacy toolbox	
SESSION II - RULES, NORMS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	
Rules, Norms and Principles for Responsible State Behaviour	
International Law and Cyberspace	
Wednesday, October 26 th , 2022 // 09h00 - 18h00(CET)	
SESSION III - EMERGING TRENDS AND GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES IN CYBER DIPLOMACY	
Cyber & Hybrid Threats & Emerging Technologies	
[Dis]Information and Influence Operations	
SESSION IV - CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES & CAPACITY BUILDING	
Confidence-building measures in cyberspace	
Capacity Building (CCB)	
EU Cyber Cooperation	
Thursday, October 27 th , 2022 // 09h00 - 13h00 (CET)	
SESSION V – CYBER DIPLOMACY CASE STUDY	
Case Study Workshop	
Closing Address	