



**Invitation to CSDP course on
The challenges of securing maritime areas for
the European Union
21-24 October 2024
(Training Activity Number 24-25/36/1)**

The Hellenic Supreme Joint War College (HSJWC), under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), has the pleasure and honour of inviting you to the course on the challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union, which will be held from 21 to 24 October 2024 at the HSJWC's premises in Thessaloniki.

Since 80 % of world trade is maritime, two thirds of energy resources are transported by sea, and 99 % of international data are transferred through submarine cables, the EU needs to address all current and emerging maritime threats and challenges in order to secure the well-being of its Member States and the world order.

Greece's long history and development are closely related to the sea; they have created a strong maritime culture over the centuries as well as an ability to understand new trends and actors in the field. Thessaloniki, a port of strategic importance for the security of the European continent in the Eastern Mediterranean, is an excellent venue for this course. Distinguished professionals from Member States will support the activity and promote the principles of the EU.

The course on the challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union thus aims to develop and promote a better understanding of the European Union's Global Strategy and its Strategic Compass, as essential parts of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, focusing on the maritime environment. It consists of an e-learning part and a series of in-person lectures (both parts being compulsory). Participants will have the opportunity to network and share views and perspectives in the field of CSDP.

You are invited to kindly nominate participants for the course on the challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union. We look forward to an enthusiastic contribution and your valuable feedback.

Commandant of the
Hellenic Supreme Joint War College

Major General Evangelos Tourvalis

Acting Head of the
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Fergal O'Regan

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Administrative Instructions

Target Audience:

Civilian, military and police personnel from EU Member States (MS), EU institutions and agencies.

How to apply:

Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than 20 September 2024. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Each nominator is kindly requested to nominate participants, by order of preference.

Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participant list is finalised, the course administration will contact selected participants and provide them with more detailed information on the course.

Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation.

Medical emergency costs should be covered by the participants' medical insurance provided by the sending country / organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

Late registration: Subject to availability of places, the course could be open for late registration. Please contact the course administration (details below).

Language: The language regime of the CSDP applies (English and French without interpretation).

Attendance is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those participants who have completed the full course. The residential part of the course will be preceded by mandatory e-learning modules, which need to be finalised before the beginning of the residential part of the course. Detailed information will be shared with selected participants.

Location: The course will be held at the premises of the Hellenic Supreme Joint War College in Thessaloniki, Greece. Information on access to the premises will be shared with selected participants.

Cost: The sending authorities should cover all costs for travel, accommodation and catering.

Places: A maximum of 40 participants is anticipated.

Diversity and Inclusion

The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the Training Institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

Supporting Services: All administrative information programmes and materials will be made available to the accepted participants through the College's e-learning platform (ILIAS).

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Athens Zone time	Monday 21 Oct	Tuesday 22 Oct	Wednesday 23 Oct	Thursday 24 Oct
0830-0930 Break (0930 - 0945)	General information Course introduction of the ESDC Welcome speech COMMANDANT	EU Defence Industry Programs PESCO - CARD- EDF	Climate Change Impact in Maritime Security	EU NAVFOR ATALANTA Force Commander EUNAVFOR MED IRINI Force Commander
0945-1045 Break (1045 - 1100)	The EU Global Strategy: Europe, the Great Powers, and its Neighbors	Shipyards Research & Development focusing on the spillover phenomena in favor of EU Defence Industry	Migration Policy in EU Deputy Governor of Reception and Identification Service (R.I.S)	EU Regional Responses. Case Study: Western Indian Ocean
1100-1200 Break (1200 - 1215)	Strategic Compass: EU level of ambitions	Defence Market in the European Union – Ongoing Initiatives	Energy Security REPower EU, Blue Economy	Integrated Maritime Surveillance SatCen
1215-1315 Break (1315 - 1330)	EU Integrated Maritime Policy The EU Maritime Security Strategy	Legal Aspects of Hybrid Warfare	EU Regional Responses. Case Study: Gulf of Guinea,	Closing remarks & Certificates Ceremony
1330-1430 Break (1330 - 1345)	EU Integrated Maritime Policy. The EU Maritime Security Strategy	EU Regional Responses. Case Study: Mediterranean Sea,	EU Regional Responses. Case Study: Western Indian Ocean	
	1430-1530 Ice breaker		1900-2200 Dinner Officers' Club	