



European Security and Defence College
National College of Home Affairs (Romania)

**Invitation to the
Disaster Relief in CSDP Context**

Bucharest. 16 to 18 July 2025
Training activity number 24-25/44/2

Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, the *National College of Home Affairs (Bucharest, Romania)*, in cooperation with the *Department for Emergency Situations of the Romanian Ministry of Interior*, the *NATO Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence Sofia* and the *Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria*, is organising, from 16 to 18 July 2025, in Bucharest, ROMANIA, the **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context Course**.

The course is designed for personnel with civilian (diplomatic/consular, police, judicial, intelligence, humanitarian NGO staff) and military background, having expertise and operational experience in civil protection, disaster relief and/or humanitarian assistance, together with selected personnel from the Eastern Partnership countries, which are invited to nominate participants. Experts from CSDP missions and operations, from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and from EU delegations that can be deployed in *fact-finding missions* in disaster-stricken areas as EEAS/EUMS or DG ECHO teams are encouraged to attend.

The course will provide basic knowledge on the impact of man-made, natural and climate-driven disasters on European security (and in particular on the conduct of CFSP/CSDP activities). Participants will learn about the EU institutional structures, mechanisms and instruments employed in disaster relief, rescue and humanitarian activities (with an emphasis on the synchronisation of diverse civilian and military CFSP/CSDP assets in disaster response). Field practitioners will share their experience in disaster relief operations, from diplomatic, civilian and military perspectives. The integrated approach to crisis management (with an emphasis on civ-mil coordination in disaster relief) will be given due consideration. The EU's partnerships and cooperation with stakeholders in the field (UN, NATO, leading humanitarian NGO) in terms of policies and practices will also be discussed.

The practical dimension of the course will consist of a simulation exercise. Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and experience of specialists from the European institutions and Member States and to network and share views with professionals in disaster relief, building on the *European security culture*.



It is therefore with great pleasure that we invite you to nominate participants for the ESDC course on ***Disaster Relief in CSDP Context***.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bucharest.

The final programme and detailed information will be provided to all confirmed participants.

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Annex A

Disaster Relief in CSDP Context Course Bucharest, from 16 to 18 July 2025 Administrative Instructions

- The training programme is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, CSDP missions and operations, third countries and international organisations. Participants from the Eastern Partnership countries are especially welcome.
- The course will be held in English; translation will not be available.
- Attendance at the course is mandatory at all times; **a certificate** signed by the HR/VP will be awarded to participants who complete the course, **including the eLearning phase**.

Nomination:

- EU Member States, EU structures and CSDP Missions and Operations are invited to nominate participants, using the ESDC secured registration system <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than 04 July 2025.
- Applications from participants from international organisations and third countries, other than the Eastern Partnership countries and EU Member States, should be sent by the competent authority directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu and to laurentiu.giurea@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as in the official documents used for accessing the course venue), the institution, function and the motivation to attend the course.
- Eastern Partnership countries should send their nominations for the course (*up to four participants per country, preferably representatives of the ministries of the interior, defence or foreign affairs, priority being given to experts from law enforcement, fire and civilian protection services, and diplomats responsible for humanitarian and disaster relief cooperation*), no later than 04 July 2025, to laurentiu.giurea@eeas.europa.eu (providing full name, function, institution and personal e-mail address). Registration will not be final until it has been confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the registration form has been completed by the nominated participant.

Details:

- The programme, workshop scenario, names of lecturers, course venue etc. will be made available in the practical information provided after the completion of the selection process.
- The course consists of an eLearning part on the eLearning platform of the ESDC and a residential part, both parts being compulsory. The eLearning session will be available from 07 July 2025. The topics to be covered in the residential module will be explored interactively in sessions followed by Q&A, panel discussions and team work.
- The residential module of the course will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 16 to 18 July 2025 (Wednesday 10.00 to Friday 17.00).
- On Wednesday, 16 July 2025, participants are expected at the course venue, between 09.00 and 09.45, for registration and the welcome package. Participants will receive a badge to be worn visibly during the course. The course opening is planned for 10.00.

- The dress code is formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual or business for the working sessions.

Costs:

- All costs of international travel, transportation, medical insurance, accommodation and catering/meals during the course are to be covered by the participants' sending authorities from EU Member States, EU institutions and CSDP missions and operations etc. **NO COURSE FEE IS REQUIRED.** Participants should arrange their own travel, accommodation and meals.
- Please note that transportation to and from the course venue will not be provided.
- When the participant list is finalised, the designated course director/contact person will be in touch with the participants at their personal e-mail addresses. *To facilitate this process, each candidate should have a valid personal e-mail address.*

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Programme of Disaster Relief in CSDP Context Course

ESDC activity no _____

Bucharest, 16-18 July 2025

Date/Time Bucharest (EET / GMT+3)	Intervention / Panel	Speakers
Day 1 - Wednesday, 16/07/2025		
09.00- 09.45	<i>Arrival & registration</i>	
10.00- 11.00	<i>Opening speeches</i>	
11.00- 11.30	<i>Official photo / Coffee break</i>	
11.30- 12.30	The EU-wide strategic framework on CSDP in the context of Euro-Atlantic evolutions	
12.30- 13.30	<i>Lunch break –</i>	
13.30- 14.00	ESDC in support of the EU integrated approach. Presentation of the National College of Home Affairs Romania	
14.00- 15.00	The EU integrated approach to disaster management: structures, tools and policies for disaster prevention, preparedness, relief and post-disaster rehabilitation. EU Civil Protection Mechanism / Emergency Response Coordination Centre	

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15.00- 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30- 17.00	Big Data in Disaster Management Building resilience. Critical infrastructure protection, cyber security	
17.00- 17.30	Tour de table / presentation of the trainees	
Day 2 – Thursday, 17/07/2025		
09.00- 10.00	Cooperation and synergies between emergency situations and public order systems for impact management in disaster relief situations	
10.00- 11.30	EU military role in disaster relief. Interoperability between civilian and military capabilities Civil-Military cooperation in disaster relief, based upon B-FAST framework and B-FAST mission in response to Türkiye earthquake 2023	
11.00- 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30- 12.30	Education and training - an important part of maintaining capabilities for the EU's disaster response and humanitarian assistance	
12.30- 13.00	Briefing on the exercise / study visit concerning the Emergency Management in Disaster Relief	

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13.00- 14.00	Lunch break –	
14.00- 15.00	Travel from Hotel to CNPPMSU Ciolpani	
15.00- 17.00	Emergency Management in Disaster Relief – Exercise / study visit	
17.00- 18.00	Travel from CNPPMSU Ciolpani to Hotel	
19.00- 22.00	Official Dinner hosted by National College of Home Affairs UNESCO Cultural Center Mihai Eminescu - Romanian Painting Exhibition	
Day 3 – Friday, 18/07/2025		
09.00- 10.00	STRATCOM in disaster relief: the media’s role in disasters	
10.00- 10.15	Coffee break	
10.15- 11.15	The role of NGOs in Disaster Relief: The experience of the Romanian Red Cross and its coordination with GOs. SMURD Foundation	
10.15- 11.15	Resilience in context of Crisis Management and Disaster Response	
11.15- 11.30	Break	
11.30- 12.30	Disasters in the Context of Global Security	
12.30- 13.30	Lunch break –	
13.30- 14.30	EU as international humanitarian assistance / relief actor. Coordination by and with NATO and UN / UNHCR	

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14.30- 14.45	<i>Break</i>	
14.45- 16.00	The role and structure of the Emergency System, the importance of international collaboration and civil - military cooperation in emergency situations	
16.00- 16.15	<i>Break</i>	
16.15- 17.00	Closing remarks, survey, Handling of Certificates, photo	
17.00	Departure of participants	