



University for  
Continuing  
Education Krems



## Cultural Heritage Protection Course

### Invitation

(Course Number: 25-26/68/1)

Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, the **University for Continuing Education Krems**, takes great pleasure in inviting you to the 2025 ***Cultural Heritage Protection Course***. The course will be held in person at the premises of the University for Continuing Education, Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems, Austria **from 29 September to 3 October 2025**.

Since 2003, the European Union has played a crucial role in crisis management through its Common Security and Defence Policy. With about 30 missions and operations worldwide, the EU has proved its readiness to respond effectively and in a timely fashion to emerging challenges.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. One of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is therefore to contribute to human resources development and build a pool of knowledgeable crisis managers. The ESDC provides basic to advanced courses, ranging from orientation to specialised civil-military training, specifically designed to promote a comprehensive approach and to contribute to the establishment of a European security culture.

*The **Cultural Heritage Protection Course** aims to raise awareness of the need to protect cultural property and heritage in the EU's sphere of activity and of the scope of activities and efforts in the different fields of cultural property protection. Additionally, the course establishes the basis for an integrated and holistic approach to the protection of cultural property in crisis events, based on good practices. During the course, participants will identify and analyse challenges for the protection of cultural property and be provided with tools to address these challenges. Participants (civilian, military and police) will also be invited to create a network of people working in the field of cultural property protection.*

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. 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. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to this ESDC training activity, which is an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the field of ***Cultural Heritage Protection*** and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture, as well as to cooperation between EU and non-EU partners.

Mr Fergal O' Regan

Acting Head of the  
European Security and  
Defence College

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Mag. Friedrich Faulhammer

Rector of the University for  
Continuing Education Krems

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Annexes:

A: Administrative remarks

B: Provisional programme

## Cultural Heritage Protection Course

University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria, 29 September – 3 October 2025

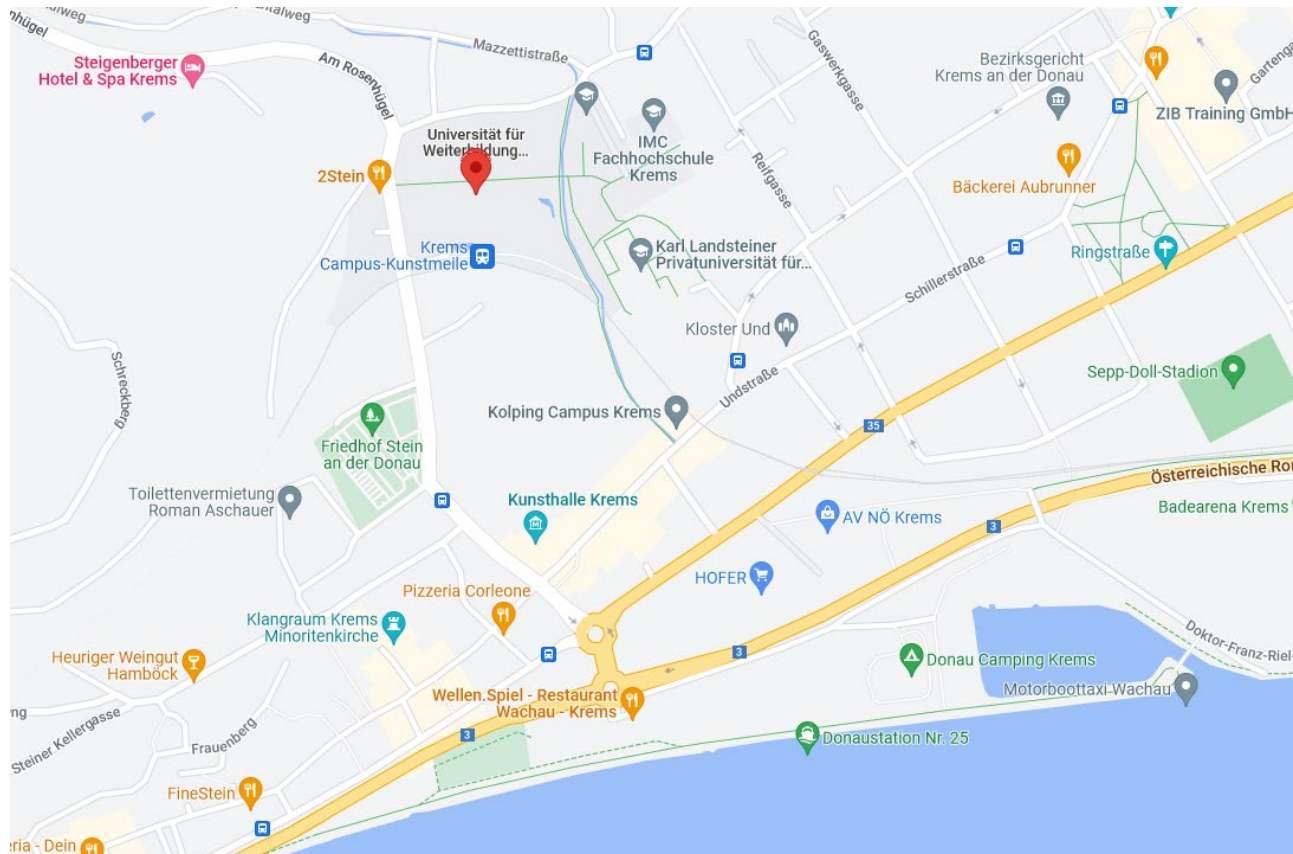
### Administrative remarks

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- **Target group:** The course is open to civilian, military and police personnel from EU Member States, candidate countries and third countries, relevant EU institutions and agencies, CSDP Missions and Operations, international organisations, UN/OSCE structures and topic-related training institutions.  
Participants should be working in conflict prevention, conflict management or post-conflict recovery and stabilisation, with responsibilities that are linked to cultural property and heritage protection matters at an operational level in CSDP missions.
- **Nomination:** The total number of participants is limited to 25.
- **Application:** Applications from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies should be submitted via the ESDC secure internet system, ENLIST, by designated nominators at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Applications from candidate countries, third countries and international organisations should be sent by the competent authority to the ESDC Secretariat at [SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu) and to [nazzarena-bruna.vellone@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:nazzarena-bruna.vellone@eeas.europa.eu), indicating the full name of the candidate (as it appears in official documents which will be used for accessing the course venue), as well as their institution, role and reason for attending the course.
- **Registration and deadline:** The registration period will end on **29 August 2025**. Registration will not be complete until it has been confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND the ENLIST registration form has been completed by the nominated participant.
- **Language:** The working language is English; no translation will be provided.
- **E-learning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-learning module, which needs to be completed before the residential phase in Austria starts.

## Annex A

- **Attendance:** Participants' attendance is mandatory on all days of the course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-learning modules.
- **Course venue:** The course venue for the main part of the course will be the premises of the University for Continuing Education Krems, Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems.



- **Travel to Krems:** Vienna has a direct train connection to Krems (Wien Heiligenstadt or Wien Spittelau are the most convenient stations for departing to Krems). The trains run between every half an hour and every hour and it takes about one hour to reach Krems.

If you arrive in Vienna by plane, you should take the train from Vienna Airport to St. Pölten Hauptbahnhof (main station), where you can change trains to travel onwards to Krems an der Donau.

Austria's train timetables can be found here: <https://www.oebb.at/en>

- **Costs:** All costs of international travel and accommodation (including breakfast) must be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Hotel reservations:** Hotel reservations will need to be made individually. There are several hotels of different categories within walking distance of the University for Continuing Education

Krems (enter the postcode '3500' or the address 'Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße Krems' into hotel search engines).

- **Meals:** All lunches and coffee breaks will be provided as indicated in the programme for 100 EUR/person; this fee will be collected during registration on Monday. On the first evening there will be an icebreaker, and on the last evening there will be a farewell dinner. These events will be hosted by the University for Continuing Education Krems and the ESDC respectively.
- **Dress code:** Dress/jacket and tie or service uniform; smart casual for the farewell dinner.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** In the event of a medical emergency, costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance, provided by the sending country/organisation. The course organisers do not provide health or accident insurance for participants attending the course.
- **Visa:** For all information regarding visa requirements or travel restrictions please visit the official website of the Austrian MFA:  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/travel-information/countries-from-a-to-z/>
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