



## **Research Methodology Course on the CSDP**

**Piraeus, Greece – 3-5 April 2024**

### **INVITATION**

The University of Piraeus has the honour to organise, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College and its Doctoral School on the CSDP, a Research Methodology Course entitled ‘Safeguarding Unity: Decoding the Role of the EU Institutions in the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)’ that is to be held in Piraeus, Greece, in residential format, from 3 to 5 April 2024. The aim of the course is to enhance researchers’ theoretical and empirical knowledge, analytical competences and skills for conducting methodical investigations of current CSDP issues.

The course consists of three parts: Lectures, Research Methodology Seminars and Workshops. Lectures by experts from the ESDC, EAAS/EU bodies, Civilian and Military missions and academics will frame various topics and dimensions on the evolution of the CSDP and the role of the EU institutions. Speakers will touch upon contemporary developments and issues which are or could become threats to the security and stability of the EU. In particular, matters such as the CSDP and crises in the EU’s neighbourhood, including the Ukrainian crisis and Middle East conflicts, will be explored vis-a-vis the EU’s agency and strategic autonomy, with regard to the EU as a plausible autonomous provider of security and defence. Moreover, the emerging complex governance architecture of the CFSP/CSDP will be examined on the basis of the new institutional developments that have taken place in the past decade, and the various dimensions of the integrated approach (civilian, military, economic, environmental, AI and technological, etc.).

At the Research Methodology Seminars, academics will provide insights into theories and methodologies that can be applied to constructively examine the above-mentioned issues. EU executives and practitioners will shed light on field perspectives, revealing the EU control and machine rooms and crisis management mechanisms. During the workshops, PhD Fellows will present and discuss their research designs through an interactive three-minute pitch; they will enrich their skills on primary and secondary data collection methods, sampling and interview methodology, as well as on publication in high impact journals. Throughout the course, the participants will have the opportunity to network and share views and perspectives with peers and professionals working in the area of the CSDP.



We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the CSDP Research Methodology Course and support the accomplishment of the course's objective: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.*

The acting Head of the European Security and Defence College Fergal O'REGAN	The Rector of the University of Piraeus Michail SFAKIANAKIS
	



## Administrative Information

The course will be offered in English from **3 to 5 April 2024 in fully residential form** in Piraeus, Greece. The participant's attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course.

It is open to ESDC Doctoral School Fellows, Researchers, Academics, and Doctoral/Postdoctoral fellows from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and Agencies, CSDP Missions and Operations who are either involved in or designated to work on matters related to the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). Moreover, the course will be open to researchers/experts from the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans.

Applications from the EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, by **no later than 3 March 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.

All international travel, transportation and accommodation costs during the course are to be covered by the sending authorities. Participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. Further information will be sent to participants following registration.

The dress code is business attire for both civilians and military personnel.

Supporting services: All administrative information, programmes and materials will be sent directly to the course participants via email in due time.



## **Diversity and inclusion**

The ESDC seeks to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all of its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Everyone, and therefore also the ESDC and its partners, can only reach their true potential in an inclusive 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 or operations. The ESDC and the training institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

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