







NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

INVITATION TO THE "GLOBAL SECURITY AND HYBRID WARFARE"

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Greece and the United States of America have the honour to organize, within the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), a course dedicated to global security and hybrid warfare. This course is organized by the University of Piraeus, the Center for Global Affairs, New York University (NYU) and the American College of Greece (ACG), in Athens, Greece, from 18 to 20 June, 2024.

This course is intended to strengthen the establishment of the Cyber Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE) platform and widen the scope of its activities by addressing transatlantic approaches and technological challenges that may be present within a hybrid warfare scenario exercise focusing on cyber conflict and emerging technologies including cryptographically relevant quantum computers (CRQC) and Artificial Intelligence, Countering Disinformation and the concept of Connected Communities enabled by the Internet of Things (IoT).

This course will be a blend of lectures and an active exercise, and will provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and best practices among professionals by improving their knowledge, skills and competencies via lectures and workshops on the topics of hybrid warfare, cybersecurity policy and emerging technology.

The desired learning objectives are:

- Outline and narrate the roles and responsibilities of US or European institutions involved with cybersecurity or emerging technology policy;
- Describe national security governance frameworks for responding to hacktivist, criminal or nation-state cyber threat actors;
- Understand unique challenges the emerging technologies pose to national security;
- Utilize strategy design methodologies to form policy options for senior leaders to respond/recover from a simulated cyber and emerging technology incident that poses a challenge to the United States and the European Union;
- Structure decision-making process and make strategic decisions based on situational variables, multiple alternatives, potential risks, time frames, and organizational capabilities, resource requirements;
- Build writing and communication skills in group work.

The course will be held in English and can accommodate a maximum of 30 participants. The attendance must be physical because of the workshops, to support networking and the exchange of best



practices among the participants. The course will be guided by a plausible scenario that aims to raise awareness of emerging technology challenges and is designed to guide participants to understand challenges and opportunities in addressing national security threats between the United States and the European Union. **The deadline for applications is on 24 May 2024**.

This training course is open to medium-to-senior level civilian/diplomatic and military personnel (O4-O6 rank) from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies who are currently employed in positions in which they are required to deal with cyber strategy, planning and policy or hybrid warfare, or employees who are willing to discuss and update their knowledge on these issues. US participants will be invited from the Global Security, Conflict and Cybercrime program at New York University as part of a field intensive course and is an active contribution under the guidelines of its associated network partner of the ESDC network. Additionally, invitations will be extended to request the participation of members of the US Department of Defense, US Department of Homeland Security. The course is also open to participants coming from the Western Balkans, Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia.

One of the unique aspects of the forum will be the inclusion of competitively selected graduate students from New York University's Center for Global Affairs MS in Global Security Conflict and Cybercrime programs as well as students from the University of Piraeus's MSc in American Studies which is partnered with the Center for Global Affairs of the New York University. The inclusion of these graduate students provides an opportunity for this program to help develop the next generation of leaders and offers professional government and military participants to mentor students and also identify potential future interns or job candidates.

The training will consist of an e-learning preparatory phase as well as a residential course in Athens which will be held from 18 to 20 June. Both parts of the course are mandatory.

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

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to this "Global Security and Hybrid Warfare" course.

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Administrative Information

Target Audience: The course is open to civilian (including diplomatic), military and police personnel from EU Member States and from CSDP missions/operations

How to apply: Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <u>https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login</u>, no later than **24 May 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <u>https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/</u>.

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

Late registration: Subject to availability of seats the course is open for late registration, please contact course administration (details below).

Seats: A maximum of 30 participants is envisaged.

Location: The course will be held residentially in Athens, Greece at a place that will be communicated shortly.

Language: Working language is English, without translation.

Time: The course starts Tuesday 18 and ends Thursday 20 June 2024. Daily approximate times are 09:00-17:00

Cost: The sending authorities will cover all costs for travelling, accommodation and catering.

E-learning: The residential part of the course will be preceded by mandatory e-learning modules which needs to be finalised before the residential part of the course starts, detailed information will be shared with selected participants.

Attendance: The participant's attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate of attendance will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-Learning modules.

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