



Invitation to the ESDC course “Climate Change and Security”

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The National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos, Deree, the American College of Greece and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) have the honour and pleasure of organizing a course on **Climate Change and Security**.

During the last years, we observed an acceleration of both global warming effects and initiatives to limit the climate crisis, which is increasingly posing risks to international peace and security. To help safeguard international security and stability, the European Union needs to connect climate change policies with crisis prevention and peacebuilding approaches and integrate these efforts into existing regional and sectoral policies. Climate change will also affect our armed forces, implying new challenges and missions.

The primary objectives of this course include fostering a comprehensive understanding of the complex interactions between climate-related threats and security concerns. Participants will delve into the impacts of climate change on regional and global security dynamics, gaining insights into potential vulnerabilities and risks. Furthermore, the workshop aims to provide a platform for professionals to explore and discuss innovative strategies and best practices for climate security. Participants will engage in practical exercises, case studies, and discussions to enhance their ability to assess and respond to climate-induced security challenges effectively. The course also seeks to promote collaboration and networking among professionals in the field, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experiences that can contribute to more robust climate security policies and actions at both national and international levels. Ultimately, this course on climate change and security strives to empower professionals to become proactive leaders in addressing climate-related security issues, strengthening their capacity to contribute to resilience-building, conflict prevention, and sustainable development in the face of a changing climate.

This course is designed to address the pressing issues related to climate threats to security and the development of a robust policy framework, as well as understanding climate prognosis and strategic



planning for resilience. It will increase the level of expertise in this field and will support the identification of climate-change-related hazards and threats by civilian and military decision-makers, the capability development/improvement process, the planning and conduct of missions/operations and development of climate change adaptation activities that also contribute to building peace and security.

The course will consist of an e-learning preparatory phase as well as a residential course in Athens, which will be held in the American College of Greece, from 18 June to 20 June 2024. This educational event will provide participants with a unique opportunity to engage in enriching discussions and learning experiences while enjoying the vibrant cultural backdrop of Athens. We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this ESDC training activity.

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Annex 1

Course administrative instructions

The course will be held in English and can accommodate a maximum of 45 participants. It is open to mid - to senior-level decision-makers and/or experts (civilian and military) from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and third states. Priority will be given to experts who currently work on or will take part in climate change mainstreaming policy development and implementation at national and/or EU level, personnel involved in civil protection, disaster management, humanitarian assistance, capacity building and education and training, faculty advisers, professors, consultants and analysts.

Applications from the EU Member States and institutions are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secure registration system (<https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>) no later than **24 April 2024**. A list of 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 requested personal data on ENLIST by the confirmed participants.

- E-Learning: a mandatory eLearning module (Internet-based Distance Learning - IDL) will be scheduled from 18 May 2024 and will have to be finalized before the course starts.
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- Liabilities and Insurance: In case of medical emergencies, the costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organization. The organizer does not provide health or accident insurance for participants taking part in the event.
- Further detailed information regarding this course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to course participants as soon as the attendance list is confirmed.

POC: for any issue concerning the application, registration, nomination processes, please contact:

All applications from third states should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu and igor.cebek@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as appears in official documents that will be used to access the course venue), the candidate's personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), the institution and details of how this course would benefit the candidate.

The course will consist of a residential part. The topics covered during the residential module will be explored in an interactive manner, in sessions followed by Q&As, panel discussions and group activities.

The residential part of the course will be hosted at the Deree Campus in Agia Paraskeui, Athens

All international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering costs during the course are to be covered by the sending authorities. It is recommended that participants arrive at Venizelos international airport (Greece) by Monday 17 June at the latest. Participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. Further information will be sent to participants after registration.

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



Supporting services:

- All administrative information, programmes and material will be made available to accepted participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

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Annex 2

Tentative Climate Change and Security course schedule

Tuesday 18 June (Climate threats to security and policy framework)

Registration 9.00 – 9.30

Start: 9.30

Family photo: 10.00

First Session: 10:00-11:30 (Climate Threats to Security: Environmental, Geopolitical, Migration).

Morning coffee break: 11:30-12:00

Second Panel: 12:00-13:30 (Policy Framework for addressing climate threats).

Lunch: 13.00 – 14.00

Third Panel: 14:00-16:00 (Participant Group Discussions and Roundtable).

Q and A: 16:00-17:00.

End: 17.00

Wednesday 19 June (Climate Prognosis)

Start: 9.00

First Panel: 10:00-11:00 (Introduction to Climate Prognosis)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Second Panel: 11:30-13:30 (Vulnerability Assessment Workshop)

Lunch: 13:30-14:30

Third Panel: 14:30-17:30 (Field trip to Demokritos to the Environmental Radioactivity & Aerosol Technology for Atmospheric & Climate Impact Lab (ENBACT))

End: 17:30

Hosted dinner 19:00 – 21.00

Thursday 20 June (Planning for Resilience)

Start: 9:00

First session: 10:00-11:30 (Risk Assessment)

Morning Coffee Break: 11:30-12:00.

Second Session: 12:00-13:30 (Planning for Resilience Workshop)

Lunch: 13:30-14:30

Third Session: 14:30-15:30 (Resilient and Secure Cities Panel Discussion)

Closing Remarks: 14:30-15:00.



Annex 3

Venue: American College of Greece (ACG) Events Hall.

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