



Brussels, 4 February 2025

## **CSDP Orientation Course Brussels, 19-23 May 2025**

### **INVITATION**

The Romanian National Defence College of the "Carol I" National Defence University will organise the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). The course will take place in Brussels from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2025.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of the ESDC training activities and aims to foster a deeper understanding of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union.

Participants will receive comprehensive insights into both civilian and military aspects of the European Security and Defence Policy and will be provided with a broad analysis of the CSDP, institutional framework, current policies, as well as related structures and processes and will have the opportunity to network, exchange perspectives with one another, and engage with professionals in the field of CSDP.

We would be pleased if you could nominate suitable candidates for this training activity, thereby contributing to the achievement of the course's objective: providing Member States and EU institutions with even more knowledgeable personnel capable of working in CSDP-related fields.

Please find below the administrative information.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- **Target group:** The course is open to civilian, diplomatic, police and military personnel from EU Member States, EU bodies, agencies and institutions. Participants will normally be entry-level or mid-level staff with some previous experience in security policy issues. The course is open to participants from Third Countries, International Organisations and NGOs
- **Places and nominations:** Around 50 places will be available to international participants. Typically, one or two places are allocated to each EU Member State, but depending on the total number of requests, one additional place may be offered. The course welcomes participants from Third Countries, International Organizations, and NGOs, based on the availability of seats. Our objective is to put together a group that is balanced in terms of gender and professional background.
- **Applications:** Applications from EU Member States are to be submitted via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than **15 April 2025**. A list of ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat, upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.  
Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC training manager, Maria Grazia Romano, at [maria-grazia.romano@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:maria-grazia.romano@eeas.europa.eu) by the institution/organisation that receives this invitation. The application must include the following details: the full name of the candidate, personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), sending institution, nationality, date of birth, passport number and its validity.
- **Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory on all days of the course. Participants will receive an ESDC certificate on the last day only if they have completed the entire course. This course will not be offered in hybrid format.
- **Inclusivity:** The ESDC strives to create a **gender-sensitive and inclusive environment** in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore also the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. 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 institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.



- **Language:** The course will be conducted in English, without translation.
- **E-learning:** The course is preceded by a mandatory e-learning module which course participants will have to complete before the residential session starts (**19 May 2025**). Connection details will be provided in good time to all registered participants.
- **Residential part of the course:** This part of the course will take place from **19 to 23 May 2025** (Monday 09:00 to Thursday 13:00 hrs).
- **Costs:** No tuition fee is applied. Sending authorities must cover all costs for travel, accommodation and meals (including breakfast) for participants from EU Member States.
- **Dress code:** Formal dress or service uniform for the first and last days, business casual clothing / working uniform (not combat) for the rest of the course.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** In the event of a medical emergency, participants' medical insurance, provided by the sending country/organisation must cover all costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for course participants.
- **Additional info:** Participants will receive further detailed information about the course (e.g. schedule, precise location, etc.) in good time.

**Please do not book accommodation and travel before receiving the confirmation message from the ESDC Secretariat.**

**Points of contact:**

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