



Invitation

COGNITIVE WARFARE IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: AN EMERGING CHALLENGE FOR EU

Activity Number 23-24/PILOT/14

The Italian Centre for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) has the honour of organising, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College, the pilot edition of the course on “Cognitive Warfare in the new international competition: an emerging challenge for EU”. The course will take place in Rome, Italy, from 21 to 23 May 2023 (in a residential format).

The introductory course aims to raise awareness on the emerging competition in the cognitive dimension with the related risks to resilience and cohesion of EU institutions and societies. All participants should be mid to senior level officials and experts (civilian, including diplomats, police, and military) and will be invited to create a network of personnel working in the field of international competition in the cognitive dimension.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

We invite you to nominate participants for the Cognitive Warfare Course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the ESDC: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.

The Acting Head
of the
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Administrative Information

- Cognitive Warfare in the new international competition:

an emerging challenge for EU

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- **Target group:** the course is open to civilian, military, as well as police, diplomatic and intelligence personnel from EU Member States. The target group is focused on suitable participants with expertise in management, leadership, coaching and /or mentoring in security, intelligence and/or diplomacy.
- **Places and nominations:** *around 35 places will be available for international participants. Typically, one or two places per EU Member State will be allocated - however, depending on the total number of requests, one additional place could be provided. We are seeking to put together a balanced group composed of civilians, police, intelligence, diplomatic, and military personnel.*
- **Applications should be sent by 01 May, 2024, as follows:**
Applications from EU Member States must be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- **Attendance:** participants' attendance on all days of the course is **mandatory**. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the entire course. This course will not be offered in a hybrid format.
- **Language:** the working language is English, without interpretation.
- **Costs:** sending authorities must cover travel and accommodation costs (including breakfast) for representatives of EU Member States.
- **Gender equality:** the ESDC strives for 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 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.
- **Dress code:** formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** in medical emergencies, the participant's medical insurance must cover the costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.
- The activity will start on Tuesday, 21 May (08:00) and end on Thursday, 23 May (16:00).
- **Venue:** premises of the Centre for Higher Defence Studies (Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa) – Piazza della Rovere 83 - 00165 Rome, ITALY
- **Additional info:** further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via email directly to the course participants in due time.
- **Points of contact:**
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