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CSDP Doctoral School Summer University 2025

Thessaloniki, 30 June-4 July 2025

Activity no. 24-25/DOC/8

Invitation Letter

The Hellenic Supreme Joint War College (HSJWC) and the European Doctoral School on CSDP are pleased to invite you to the CSDP Summer University 2025, taking place in Thessaloniki from 30 June to 4 July 2025, in a residential format.

Held under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), this annual event will focus on the future of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), addressing key issues such as EU governance, strategic autonomy, external relations, and Member States' contributions—particularly Greece's role in EU operations and its Defence industry.

Participants will engage in lectures, seminars, and workshops led by experts and practitioners, covering both policy and operational dimensions, as well as research methodology, scientific writing, and publication. The programme is designed to support doctoral research and foster a dynamic European research community in the field of CSDP. Participation in this course contributes to the fulfillment of ECTS requirements for the ESDC Doctoral School diploma.

We kindly invite you to nominate participants for the ESDC Summer University — a unique opportunity to support the ESDC's overarching objective of providing Member States with well-prepared professionals capable of addressing Common Security and Defence Policy challenges.

Acting Head
European Security and Defence College



Fergal O' REGAN

Commandant of the
Hellenic Supreme Joint War College



Major General Michail PLOUMIS, PhD



Administrative information

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Target group: The course is open to PhD Fellows affiliated with the European Doctoral School on CSDP, as well as to other researchers, doctoral candidates, academics, and professionals from the CSDP/CFSP community — including those working in the fields of Defence, police, diplomacy, or intelligence.

Places and nominations: A total of approximately 35 places will be available for participants, including 25 reserved specifically for PhD Fellows affiliated with the European Doctoral School on CSDP. The 25 PhD Doctoral School Fellows who have already pre-registered are kindly requested to confirm their registration and participation by 12 on May 2025 via the following link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/a2wzn7v>

Applications: Applications from EU Member States must be submitted through the ESDC's secure online system, ENLIST, by the designated national nominators. A list of authorised ENLIST nominators is available on the ESDC website at: <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. The deadline for nominations is 26 May 2025.

Attendance: Full attendance throughout the entire course is mandatory. A certificate of completion will be awarded on the final day to participants who have attended all sessions, completed the required e-learning modules, and submitted the progress report. Please note that the course will be held exclusively in person and will not be offered in a hybrid format.

Language: The working language of the course is English. No interpretation will be provided.

Costs: All expenses related to participation shall be covered by the sending authorities, except for the selected PhD Fellows affiliated with the European Doctoral School on CSDP.

Dress code: Formal attire is required for the opening and closing ceremonies, while smart casual is appropriate for the working sessions.

Liabilities and insurance: In the event of a medical emergency, any related costs shall be covered by the participant's medical insurance, provided by the sending country or organization. The organiser institution does not assume responsibility for health or accident insurance and does not provide such coverage for participants.

Travel and planning: The activity will commence on Monday, 30 June 2025, and conclude on Friday, 4 July 2025 at 14:00. Participants are advised to arrive in Thessaloniki on 29 June and to plan their return travel for the evening of 4 July. For further information or to discuss specific travel arrangements, please contact the course director.

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List of Potential Topics

- The Global Strategic Environment and the Future of European Security and Defence
- The role of Peace, Security and Defence and the responsibilities of EU bodies in the current security context
- Fundamentals and Elements of CSDP/ CFSP
- EU Strategic Capabilities and Instruments
- EU Missions; from “Petersberg” to “Kiev”
- Developing European Defense Capabilities
- New dynamics (economic, demographic, political) and emerging perspectives
- Innovation and Foresight (technology - energy race and space competition)