# Invitation
# DIPLOMATIC SKILLS FOR CSDP

The West University of Timisoara, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence, is pleased to organise the **Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence Course** and to invite participants to take part. The in-person event is organised in cooperation with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will take place in Timisoara, Romania, between 17 and 19 December 2024.

This course on Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence will focus on a general introduction to relevant issues, with the intention of making participants aware of the basic principles relevant to diplomacy, international strategic and diplomatic contexts, together with providing a critical assessment of the connections between diplomacy and CSDP/CFSP. It will also include a discussion on new and old diplomacy, globalisation trends, geopolitics and the relevance and the place of public diplomacy in the context of CSDP missions, as well as introducing concepts and practices related to digital/e-diplomacy. The ultimate objective of the course is to support EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies in training their personnel to be able to work efficiently in CSDP-related fields at an operational and strategic level.

The course is primarily aimed at entry/mid-level staff from Member States (MS) and EU institutions and agencies and third countries/international organisations, with some prior experience of security policy matters.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the Diplomatic Skills Course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to the primary objective of the ESDC, i.e. providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work efficiently in CSDP-related fields.

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**Course director,**

**Prof dr. Silviu ROGOBETE**

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**Administrative information**

- **Target audience**: this course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and CSDP Missions and Operations, together with selected personnel from Eastern Partnership countries, which are invited to nominate suitable participants.

- **Seats and nominations**: a maximum of 30 seats will be available for international participants (plus 20 seats for Eastern Partnership countries). Typically, one seat is allocated to each EU Member State, however, depending on the total number of requests, one additional seat could be made available. We are aiming to achieve a balanced group composed of civilian, police and military personnel.

- **Applications:**
  - **Applications from EU Member States**, EU institutions and agencies are to be made via ENLIST (https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login), the ESDC's secure internet system, by designated nominators **no later than 14 November 2024**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website (https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators).
  - The relevant authority will send applications of participants from third countries, other than from Eastern Partnership countries, directly to the ESDC secretariat (secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu), and c.c. to Maria-Grazia.ROMANO@eeas.europa.eu, mentioning the participant's name, organisation, title, personal e-mail address and motivation for participating in the course.
  - Eastern Partnership countries should submit nominations (up to five participants each, preferably representatives of Ministries of Interior, Defence or Foreign Affairs, with priority given to experts from law enforcement services, in addition to diplomats with responsibility for CSDP/CFSP-related issues) to Maria-Grazia.ROMANO@eeas.europa.eu (mentioning their name, title, institution, and personal e-mail address).

- **Attendance**: attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-Learning modules. This course will not be offered in hybrid format.

- **eLearning**: The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-learning module (due to begin on **18 November 2024** on ILIAS, the ESDC's training platform), which will need to have been completed before the residential phase (**17 December 2024**). Connection details will be provided in due course to all registered participants.

- **Language**: the working language is English (no interpretation will be provided).

- **Residential component of the course**: this part of the course will take place at the West University of Timisoara (17th of Dec 9.00-12.00) and the Prefecture/County Council premises (B-dul Revolutjei din 1989 n. 17, Timisoara, Romania) between 17 and 19 December 2024 (09:00 to 17:30).

- **Costs**: Participants' home authorities must cover all travel, accommodation and catering (including breakfast) costs for participants from EU Member States.

- **Dress code:** formal or service uniform for opening and closing ceremony; smart casual for the working sessions.

- **Liability and insurance**: in case of medical emergencies, participants' medical insurance, provided by their home country/organisation must cover all costs. The organiser will not provide health or accident insurance for event participants.

- **Inclusivity**: The ESDC strives to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment for 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.

- **Additional info**: course participants will receive further detailed information about the course in due course.

- **Points of contact**:
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| Course (generic) structure |||
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| The residential module is held over five days (one week). |||
| **Potential topics** | **Suggested content** ||
| 1.Fundamentals of diplomacy | 1.1.Key concepts and principles in diplomacy ||
|  | 1.2.Current challenges for diplomacy ||
|  | 1.3.Diplomatic skills for non-diplomatic personnel ||
| 2.New diplomacy | 2.1.Diplomacy and management of global affairs ||
|  | 2.2.Public diplomacy ||
|  | 2.3.Cultural diplomacy ||
|  | 2.4.Water diplomacy ||
|  | 2.5.Artic diplomacy ||
| 3.International security context | 3.1.International strategic and diplomatic competition ||
|  | 3.2.The world's major powers and their key strategies ||
|  | 3.3.The EU Global Strategy and its implementation (including the Strategic Compass) ||
| 4.CSDP and diplomacy | 4.1.EU strategies and concepts related to CSDP ||
|  | 4.2.CSDP and diplomacy, Military diplomacy ||
|  | 4.3.Role of EU delegations ||
|  | 4.4.Peace, security and diplomacy ||
| 5.EU diplomacy | 5.1.EU diplomacy and its interaction with third countries ||
|  | 5.2.EU relations with international organisations (including OSCE, UN, NATO, ASEAN) ||
|  | 5.3.EU global and regional interests ||
|  | 5.4. PESCO diplomacy ||
| 6.Diplomacy and intelligence | 6.1.Role of intelligence in diplomacy ||
| 7.CSDP missions and operations and capability development | 7.1.Civilian and military capability development ||
|  | 7.2.EU CSDP missions and operations deployed in the field ||
|  | 7.3.Basic information and specific features of missions and operations ||
|  | 7.4.Civilian COMPACT ||
| 8.Communication and diplomacy | 8.1.STRATCOM and diplomacy ||
|  | 8.2.Mediation and negotiation ||
| 9.E-diplomacy | 9.1.Digital diplomacy ||
|  | 9.2.Cyber diplomacy ||
|  | 9.3.Diplomacy and cyber-security issues ||
| 10.Syndicate assignment | 10.Draw up joint discussion points [working groups] ||