



**EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE**  
**Romanian National Defence College**

**Invitation to the**  
**CSDP Orientation Course**  
(Activity Number 23-24/3/17)

taking place from **13 to 17 May 2024**

The National Defence College of the “Carol I” National Defence University have the honour of organising, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course** that will take place in Brussels, in a residential format, from 13 to 17 May 2024.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of the ESDC training activities and aims to develop and promote a broad understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The main aim of the course is to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners in the global security environment. The course provides a general overview on the civilian and military aspects of the CSDP. In particular, participants will find out about the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as related structures and processes. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of a network of people working in the field of CSDP.

We would be pleased if you could nominate suitable candidates for this training activity, which would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into the CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, able to work in CSDP related fields.*

Please find below the administrative instructions and a draft programme.

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**Administrative instructions**

- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel. The EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies and the CSDP Missions and Operations are kindly invited to nominate one participant each. Additional places may, however, be allocated subsequently, based on the total number of applications.
- Third countries and international organisations are invited to propose suitable candidates.
- The overall course capacity is 60 persons.
- Applications from the MS and EU institutions are to be filled via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, no later than **16 April 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website.
- Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC Secretariat at [SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu), by the institution/organisation that receives this invitation. The application should indicate: full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing a course venue), personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, validity of passport, date of birth, institution; reason why this course will benefit the applicant.
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.
- The language regime of the CSDP - *English and French without translation* - applies.
- The course consists of an **eLearning** part, which is carried out on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS, as well as **face to face sessions** from **13 to 17 May 2024**; both parts are compulsory. Attendance of the course on all days is mandatory. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the eLearning phase.
- The course will start on **22 April 2024** with the **eLearning phase**. Connection details will be provided in due course to all registered participants.
- The face-to-face training course will take place from **13 to 17 May 2024 (Monday 09:00 to Friday 13:00)**.
- Location of the residential module: **Albert Borschette Conference Centre**, Rue Froissart 36, 1042, Brussels.
- **Dress code:** Formal dress or service uniform for the opening and closing days (including for the 'family photo'), smart casual clothing for the rest of the course and for the ice-breaker.



- **Liabilities and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, the participant's medical insurance, provided by the sending country / organisation, should cover the related costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.
- **Gender equality:** The European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is committed to an inclusive, gender sensitive and discrimination-free environment. The ESDC welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of age, gender, ethnic or social origin, disability, religion or belief.
- **Costs:** The tuition is free of charge.

Sending authorities will bear all costs for their participant's international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering during the course. Participants should arrange their own travel, accommodation and meals. The course organisers will not provide transportation. Travel and accommodation arrangements should not be made before the reception of the message confirming the nominee's admission.

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Annex B

**CDSP Orientation Course**  
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13 to 17 May 2024

**Draft Programme**

<b>Monday, 13/05/2023</b>	<b>Tuesday, 14/05/2023</b>	<b>Wednesday, 15/05/2023</b>	<b>Thursday, 16/05/2023</b>	<b>Friday, 17/05/2023</b>
<b>09.00-09.30</b> Welcome remarks - head of ROU NDC and ESDC rep.  <b>09.30-09.45</b> Intro to the course ESDC  <b>09.45-10.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.00 - 11.00</b> EU Global Strategy,  <b>11.00-12.15</b> Preparation for and first session of group work (scenarios)	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.30</b> CSDP Crisis management structures & procedures  <b>10.30-11.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>11.00-12.00</b> EU civilian missions. Civilian COMPACT	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.30</b> EU Intelligence  <b>10.30-11.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>11.00-12.30</b> Strategic compass	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.15</b> Role MPCC. EU military missions  <b>10.15-10.30</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.30-12.30</b> Emerging threats: Cyber security, Hybrid threats and strategic communication	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.00</b> <b>Future of CSDP</b>  <b>10.00-10.30</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.30-11.30</b> Presentation of the results of group work  <b>11.30-12.00</b> Closing remarks
<b>12.15- 13.15</b> <b>Move to NATO HQ</b>	<b>12.00-13.00</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.30-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.30-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14.00- 16.30</b> Euro-Atlantic perspective on current global and regional security situation.  NATO-EU cooperation - A stronger NATO and a stronger EU.	<b>13.00-14.30</b> EU Integrated approach to conflict and crisis  <b>14.45-15.45</b> EU Maritime Security Strategy/ Action plan  <b>Evening Ice breaker</b>	<b>13.15-15.00</b> <b>Field visit: House of European History</b>  <b>15.15-16.45</b> <b>Group work on scenarios</b>	<b>13.30-14.30</b> Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations (gender and human rights)  <b>14.30-15.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>15.00-16.30</b> Group work on scenarios	