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Invitation to the
14th ESDC advanced course for
Political Advisers in CSDP Missions and Operations

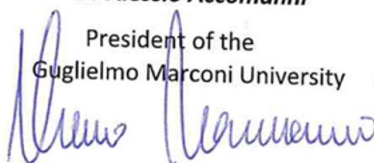
Rome/Geneva/Vienna **May - June - July 2025**


The University Guglielmo Marconi (UNIMARCONI), Italy, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Switzerland, and the National Defence Academy, Austria, have the honour of issuing an invitation to the 14th advanced course for political advisers in CSDP missions and operations, a modular course organised under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

The course consists of three modules which will take place during the 2024-2025 academic year. Module 1 (12-16 May 2025) on engaging with the strategic context will take place in Rome. Module 2 (10-13 June 2025) focusing on political analysis, negotiation and mediation techniques will be held in Geneva. The third module (7-11 July 2025), with an emphasis on current and future deployment of political advisers in CSDP missions and operations, will take place in Vienna.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. To help meet this need, one of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College is to contribute to the development of human capital and build a pool of crisis management experts with a wide range of knowledge. The forthcoming 14th advanced course for political advisers in CSDP missions and operations aims to complement this effort.

We are therefore pleased to invite you to nominate candidates for this ESDC activity in support of the Common Security and Defence Policy. For further information, please refer to the administrative information in the Annex 1.

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Administrative information

Target audience: participants should be working in political advisory positions/departments in Member States, EU institutions and agencies, CSDP missions and operations. Subject to national decision, they can be academics, civilians, diplomats, members of the business community, military and police. It is highly recommended that nominated participants should have attended the ESDC CSDP Orientation Course prior to this course.

We particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

Fee: the course has no tuition fee.

Seats: the total number of participants is limited to 27. Typically, one place is allocated to each EU Member State. However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional place could be made available.

Applications: applications are to be made by designated nominators via ENLIST (<https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>), the ESDC's secure internet system, **no later than 10 April 2025**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website (<https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators>).

Selection: a joint committee (composed of representatives from the organising institutes and the ESDC) will make the final selection of participants from among the nominees, ensuring a balance between the different areas and considering the overall (including gender) diversity of the group. A decision on the final list will be issued no later than 14 April 2025 and participants will be informed.

Registration: registration will not be final until it has been confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the accepted participants have provided the requested personal data in ENLIST.

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

Attendance: attendance during the course is mandatory on all days of each module. A certificate will be awarded on the last day of the third module to course participants who have completed the three modules, including the e-learning phase for each module. This course will not be offered in hybrid format.

Elearning: the course will be preceded by the mandatory e-learning autonomous knowledge units (AKUs), which will be available on the ESDC e-learning platform ILIAS. Course participants will have to complete the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) before the residential phase of each module begins. Connection details will be provided in due course to all registered participants.

Costs: the sending authorities will cover all travel, accommodation and catering (including breakfast) costs incurred during the residential part of the course. Transportation will not be provided by the course organisers.

Dress code: the dress code is 'daily office uniform' for military personnel and 'business casual'

(e.g. jacket with tie for men) for civilian personnel.

Liabilities and insurance: in the event of a medical emergency, participants' medical insurance, provided by the sending country/organisation, will cover all costs. The organisers will not provide health or accident insurance for course 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.

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