

***Invitation to the***  
***CSDP Orientation Course***  
(Training Activity Number 25-26/3/2)  
***06–10 October 2025, Lisbon, Portugal***

The National Defence Institute of Portugal has the pleasure to organise, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, from **6-10 October 2025**, in Lisbon, Portugal.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of EU training activities in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). It aims to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The course will provide participants with an overview of the civilian and military aspects of European Security and Defence Policy and going developments.

The course consists of an eLearning module, as well as a residential module, both parts being compulsory. It will offer an in-depth analysis on Common European Security and Defence Policy, while the participants will have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

Participants would generally be mid-level staff (police, military, diplomats and civilians) from Member States, EU institutions and agencies, third countries and international organisations, with some experience in security and defence policy matters. Participants in this course will benefit from the expertise of the European professionals on the challenges, best practices and experiences related to CSDP issues.

Accordingly, we take great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants, for the CSDP Orientation Course and hence support the accomplishment of the main goal of the course: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.



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**Administrative Information  
for the  
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**Target group:** the course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU bodies, CSDP Missions and Operations, as well as international organisations, who are either involved in or designated to work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) matters. Third countries and international organisations are welcome to put forward candidates. We are seeking to put together a balanced group composed of diplomats, civilians, police and military personnel.

**Seats & nominations:** a maximum of 40 participants is envisaged. Typically, one seat per Member State / Institution will be allocated. However, due to the capacity of the classroom, it is not possible to offer more seats than the aforementioned 40 seats.

**Application:** applications from the EU Member States and EU bodies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than 03 September 2025. A list of ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC Training Manager [stanislava.kraynova@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:stanislava.kraynova@eeas.europa.eu), by the institution/ organisation that receives this invitation. The application should indicate: the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, the validity of the passport, date of birth, institution, reason why this course benefits the applicant.

**Registration** will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat **AND** upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.

**Attendance:** participants' attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. Participants who have completed the full course, including the e-learning modules, will receive a certificate.

**E-learning:** the course consists of an eLearning part to be completed on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS before the course starts (06 October 2025). Connection details will be provided in due time to all registered participants.

**Language:** the working language is English, without translation.

**Gender equality:** the ESDC strives for an 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 based on race, colour,

religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability 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.

**Costs:** sending authorities will cover all costs for international travelling and accommodation including meals for all the course participants.

**Dress code:** formal dress or service uniform for the opening and closing days, smart casual clothing for the rest of the course.

**Liabilities and Insurance:** in case of medical emergencies, participants' medical insurance provided by sending authorities/institutions must cover the costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance. The National Defence Institute will have the military hospital on call between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Start and end of activity:** the activity will start on Monday, 6 October 08.45hrs and end on Friday, 10 October, 14.00hrs. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly. The programme will be communicated in due course.

**Additional info:** course participants will receive further detailed information on the course in due time.

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# CDSP Orientation Course

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## Tentative Programme

Monday, 06/10/2025	Tuesday, 07/10/2025	Wednesday, 08/10/2025	Thursday, 09/10/2025	Friday, 10/10/2025
<b>08.45-09.30</b> Intro to the Course  ESDC Presentation  National Defence Institute Presentation  <b>09.30-09.45</b> Welcome remarks  <b>09.45-10.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.00 -12.00</b> The world order and international power competition: where EU stands. The Strategic Compass	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.00</b> CSDP Crisis Management Structures & Procedures (Part I)  <b>10.30-10.45</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.45-12.00</b> CSDP Crisis Management Structures & Procedures (Part II)	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.30</b> Role of EUMS Military Operations and Missions  <b>10.30-11.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>11.00-12.00</b> Cooperation with partner organizations and countries. EU-UN/ EU-NATO	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.15</b> Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations (gender and human rights)  <b>10.15-10.30</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.30-12.00</b>  Debate	<b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day  <b>09.00-10.30</b> Emerging Threats, Hybrid Threats, Cyber Threats, EU response & STRATCOM The Future of CSDP  <b>10.30-10.45</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>10.45-11.45</b> Mission Challenges EUAM RCA/MOZ/UKR???  <b>11.45-12.45</b> Closing remarks ESDC Award ceremony and group photo
<b>12.00-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.00-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.00-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.00-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.45-14.30</b> <b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.30-15.00</b> EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crisis  <b>15.00-15.15</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>15.15-16.30</b> White Paper  16.30-17.30  <b>Ice break Networking</b>	<b>13.30-14.45</b> Role MPCC. EU military missions  <b>14.45-15.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>15.00-16.30</b>  Syndicate	<b>13.30-14.45</b> EU Civilian Missions and EU Civilian COMPACT  <b>14.45-15.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>15.00-16.15</b> EU CSDP Civilian Missions deployed on the field  <b>16.15-17.30</b> Héritage Protection  <b>19.00</b> <b>Formal Dinner (hosted)</b>	<b>13.30-14.30</b> EU Intelligence  <b>14.30-14.45</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>  <b>14.45-15.45</b> EU Defence initiatives in support of capability development  <b>15.45-16.45</b> Climate Changes	