

**EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE**  
and  
**INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY OF ADVANCED  
STUDIES, ROME, ITALY**

(Scuola di Perfezionamento per le Forze di Polizia - SFP, Roma)

Invitation to the course:

**‘The EU’s Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade’**

(ESDC activity number 24-25/209/1)

**14 – 16 May 2025 (fully residential) at Interagency Law Enforcement  
Academy of Advanced Studies, Rome, Italy**

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have had a profound impact on how our societies and economies function, creating new opportunities and generating new products and services. However, this evolution has also introduced new risks, including the potential for malicious activities in cyberspace by state or non-state actors. The political, societal and economic impact of such behaviours is escalating, necessitating careful consideration and proactive measures to mitigate these threats.

In response to these challenges, the European Union has been at the forefront of cybersecurity efforts. It has done this by establishing a solid political and legal framework, raising awareness, and building technical capacity for enhancing the cyber resilience of its institutions and Member States. Furthermore, the EU has been actively contributing to collective efforts to ensure the stability of global cyberspace. It has also been supporting the implementation of the international cyber stability framework, including confidence-building measures and capacity building, and the development of common standards pertaining to cybersecurity.

To support the achievement of these objectives, the **Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of Advanced Studies of Italy** (Scuola di Perfezionamento per le Forze di Polizia - SFP, Roma) together with the **European Security and Defence College**, is pleased to invite officials from the EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies to participate in the course. The course is an activity of the ESDC’s Cyber Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE) platform.

This fourth edition of the activity on the ESDC’s latest standard curriculum, which gives lecturers and speakers the opportunity to present the [EU Cybersecurity Strategy](#)<sup>1</sup> for the digital decade and the cybersecurity priorities outlined in the [EU’s Strategic Compass](#)<sup>2</sup>.

The aim of this course is to provide a better understanding of the main pillars of the EU’s Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade. The course, which will be offered in English, will act as a kind of forum where entities from the MS, EU institutions and agencies will have

<sup>1</sup> The EU’s Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade [https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc\\_id=72164](https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=72164)

<sup>2</sup> The EU’s Strategic Compass [https://www.ecas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/strategic\\_compass\\_en3\\_web.pdf](https://www.ecas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/strategic_compass_en3_web.pdf)

the opportunity to interact with the participants and inform them on current and future strategic, tactical and operational developments regarding the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy.

Participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials from the Member States and the EU institutions, bodies and agencies.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants from under-represented groups to apply.

The course will take place from **14-16 May 2025 in residential form in Rome, Italy** simultaneously with the nine-month XL Italian Advanced Training Course, which will allow the participants to exchange views and share best practices on topics related to the Strategy by improving their knowledge, skills and competencies and better aligning these with the Strategy's overall objectives.

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### Annexes

1. Administrative instructions for course
2. Draft programme
3. Venue: Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of Advanced Studies, Rome

**Course administrative instructions**

**Course: The EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade**

**14 – 16 May 2025 (fully residential) at Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of  
Advanced Studies, Rome, Italy**

The course will be offered in English from **14 to 16 May 2025 in fully residential form in Rome**, Italy, with sufficient accommodation for a **maximum of 80 participants**.

**Target audience:** The course is open to mid-ranking to senior officials (civilian and military) from EU Member States/EU institutions Bodies and Agencies.

**How to apply:** Applications from the **EU Member States and institutions** are to be filled in by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secure registration system via the following link <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 14 April 2025**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

**Registration:** Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participants' list is finalised, the course administrators will contact the selected participants and provide detailed information on the course.

**Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation message.**

**Medical emergency:** Costs should be covered by the participants' medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser will not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

**Number of participants:** The course capacity is 80 participants.

**Language:** The working language is English, without translation or interpretation.

**Dates:** The course starts on Wednesday 14 May 2025 and ends on Friday 16 May 2025. The draft agenda is attached as Annex 2.

**Dress code:** business attire for all participants, including civilians and military personnel.

**Cost:** The course is free of charge. The sending authorities will cover all costs for travel and accommodation. It is recommended that participants arrive at Rome International Airport by Tuesday 13 May 2025 at the latest. Participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. Further information will be sent to participants following registration.

**E-learning:** The course begins with an online (asynchronous) e-learning part on the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS), which needs to have been completed before the residential part begins. Both parts are compulsory. Detailed information will be shared with the selected participants.

**Supporting services:** All administrative information, programmes and material will be made available to the selected participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

**Attendance** is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules.

**Location:** The course will take place at the Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of Advanced Studies Piazza di Priscilla, 6, 00199 Roma RM, Italy.

### **Diversity and inclusion**

The ESDC seeks to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Everyone, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, can only reach their true potential in an inclusive environment. We do 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 institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

### **Course points of contact**

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