



**THE CYPRUS
INSTITUTE**

**Invitation to the ESDC course
"Climate Change and Security"**

(Activity number 21-22/52/2)

Cyprus, 11 to 14 October 2021

organised by

the Cyprus Security & Defence Academy,

with the support of

the Cyprus Institute and the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration

under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College

The Cyprus Security & Defence Academy (CSDA) and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) have the honour and pleasure of organising a course on climate change and security, with the support of the Cyprus Institute, the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration (CAPA).

The course will enhance awareness of climate change security implications by enabling participants to acquire basic knowledge related to global warming as a phenomenon and a security threat multiplier, the main factors which affect the environment, and the impact of climate change on international peace and security in the short, medium and long term.

The course will also introduce the main instruments available to reduce the risk of climate change having security implications and to address these. It will increase the level of expertise in this field and will support the identification of climate-change-related hazards and threats by civilian and military decision-makers, the capability development/improvement process, the planning and conduct of missions/operations and development of climate change adaptation activities that also contribute to building peace and security. The course will address future challenges and assess the EU strategic documents in this field. The training aims to foster the development of a network of future civilian and military experts on climate change diplomacy, disaster relief and mitigation/adaptation policy development and implementation.

As an integral part of the course, participants will participate in the second international conference on climate change organised by the Cyprus Institute, which will be held on 13 and 14 October and will focus on aspects of climate change and air pollution in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME) region.

We plan to hold the course in Larnaca between 11 and 14 October 2021. However, given the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and possible changes to restrictions imposed on public events and travel in the upcoming months, the organisation of the course in a residential format might not be possible. If that is the case, the course will be held also in a virtual format.

We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this ESDC training activity.

Symeon Zambas
Head of CSDA

Dirk Dubois
Head of ESDC



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Annex 1

Course administrative instructions

The course will be held in English and can accommodate a maximum of 45 participants. It is open to mid- to senior-level decision-makers and/or experts (civilian and military) from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and third states. Priority will be given to experts who currently work on or will take part in climate change mainstreaming policy development and implementation at national and/or EU level, personnel involved in civil protection, disaster management, humanitarian assistance, capacity building and education and training, faculty advisers, professors, consultants and analysts.

Applications from the EU Member States and institutions are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secure registration system (<https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>) no later than **21 September 2021**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

All other applications should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as appears in official documents that will be used to access the course venue), the candidate's personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), the institution and details of how this course would benefit the candidate.

The course will consist of an e-learning part on the ESDC's e-learning platform and a residential part, both parts being compulsory. The e-learning part will be available from **22 September 2021**. The topics covered during the residential module will be explored in an interactive manner, in sessions followed by Q&As, panel discussions and group activities.

The residential part of the course will be hosted at the Zenon Coordination Centre.

All international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering costs during the course are to be covered by the sending authorities. It is recommended that participants arrive at Larnaca or Paphos international airport (Cyprus) by Sunday **10 October 2021** at the latest. Participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. Further information will be sent to participants after registration. Please note that transportation between the course venue and a central point in Larnaca will be provided.

The dress code is business attire for both civilians and military personnel.

The format of the course (residential and/or virtual) will be confirmed by 18 September 2021. Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmatory message.

Supporting services:

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



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Annex 2

Tentative course schedule

Monday 11 October

Registration 9.00 – 9.30

Start: 9.30

Family photo: 10.00

Morning coffee break: 11.00 – 11.30

Lunch: 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon coffee break: 15.15 – 15.45

End: 17.30

Welcome cocktail: 17.30 – 18.30

Tuesday 12 October

Start: 9.00

Morning coffee break: 11.00 – 11.30

Lunch: 13.00 – 14.00

Afternoon coffee break: 15.00 – 15.15

End: 16.15

Guided cultural tour 17.00 – 19.00

Hosted dinner 19:00 – 21.00

Wednesday 13 October

Second international conference on climate change

Online group attendance and discussion

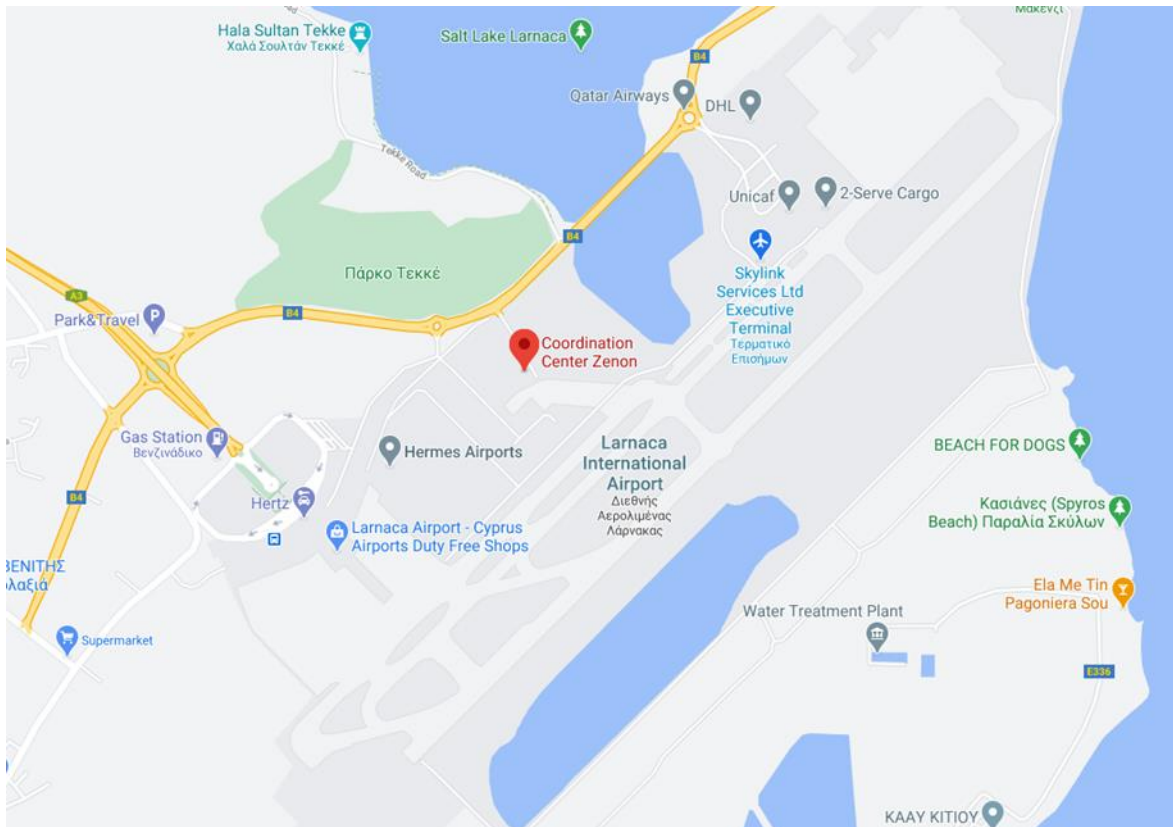
Thursday 14 October

Second international conference on climate change

Online group attendance and discussion

Closing and presentation of certificates 15.00 – 16.30

Venue: Zenon Coordination Centre



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