



Invitation

Advanced Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence Course

Activity Number 23-24/69/1

The West University of Timisoara (Romania) and the Belgian Royal Institute for International Relations (EGMONT), under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College, have the honour to organise and invite participants to the **Advanced Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence Course**. The activity will be held in Brussels, Belgium from 22-24 November 2023 in residential format.

Following the **Diplomatic Skills for CSDP Missions**, the **Advanced Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence Course** aims to deepen existing knowledge in the area of diplomacy and tackle sensitive topics related to the role of and the need for diplomacy and diplomatic skills within the context of CSDP missions. Emphasis will be placed on interactive sessions between key players already involved in such activities, sharing experiences and 'good practice' examples from the field. Cultural and sensitive topics related to recommended behaviours will also be covered. Solid knowledge of or previous experience in the field are needed in order to be actively involved in the course. Participants who have successfully attended the Diplomatic Skills for CSDP Missions will be given priority in the event of multiple national nominations.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. 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. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. Thus, we particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

We kindly invite you to nominate participants for the **Advanced Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Defence** course and to support the accomplishment of the overall goal of this course, which is to prepare men and women to successfully fulfil the EU's missions abroad, and, since the course provides an excellent opportunity to gain a better understanding of the field of diplomacy and CSDP/CFSP, to contribute to the further development of a European security culture and cooperation between different EU actors.

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Administrative Information



- **Number of seats:** a total number of 35 seats will be allocated for EU Member States and EU institutions.
- **Target group:** the course is open to mid-level & high level staff (civilian and military) from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, with consistent previous experience in diplomacy, security and defence matters.
- **Prerequisites:** the candidates should either (1) have attended the Diplomatic Skills Course for CSDP Missions or (2) have attended, in the past three years, two different ESDC courses (of which one was the ESDC Orientation course) or (3) have relevant experience in the area of CSDP/CFSP and/or diplomacy.
- **Application:** applications from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 30 October 2023**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- **Attendance:** the participant's attendance during the course is **mandatory** on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course. This course will not be offered in hybrid format.
- **Language:** the working language will be English, without interpretation.
- **Costs:** all costs for international travel and accommodation (including breakfast) will be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Dress code:** formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liability and insurance:** costs for medical emergencies must be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.
- **Additional info:** further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants in due time.
- **Points of contact:** Course Director, Professor Silviu ROGOBETE (silviu.rogobete@e-uvt.ro) and the Training Manager from ESDC Secretariat, Mrs Stanislava KRAYNOVA (Stanislava.KRAYNOVA@eeas.europa.eu).