



University for
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Cultural Property Protection Course

Invitation

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Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, the **University for Continuing Education Krems**, in cooperation with the **Austrian National Defence Academy**, takes great pleasure in inviting you to the 2024 ***Cultural Property Protection Course***. The course will be held in person* at the premises of the University for Continuing Education, Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems, Austria **from 23 to 27 September 2024**.

Since 2003, the European Union has played a crucial role in crisis management through its Common Security and Defence Policy. With about 30 missions and operations worldwide, the EU has proved its readiness to respond effectively and in a timely fashion to emerging challenges.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. One of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is therefore to contribute to human resources development and build a pool of knowledgeable crisis managers. The ESDC provides basic to advanced courses, ranging from orientation to specialised civil-military training, specifically designed to promote a comprehensive approach and to contribute to the establishment of a European security culture.

2024 is a special year for cultural property protection, with the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict celebrating its 70th anniversary. The ***Cultural Property Protection Course*** aims to raise awareness of the need to protect cultural property and heritage in the EU's sphere of activity and of the scope of activities and efforts in the different fields of cultural property protection. Additionally, the course establishes the basis for an integrated and holistic approach to the protection of cultural property in crisis events, based on good practices. During the course, participants will identify and analyse challenges for the protection of cultural property and be provided with tools to address these challenges. Participants (civilian, military and police) will also be invited to create a network of people working in the field of cultural property protection.

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. We therefore particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to this ESDC training activity, which is an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the field of ***Cultural Property Protection*** and to

* Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the course may be moved online.

contribute to the further development of a European security culture, as well as to cooperation between EU and non-EU partners.



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Annexes:

A: Administrative remarks

B: Provisional programme