



ITALIAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER DEFENCE STUDIES
EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

INVITATION TO THE COURSE
“CHALLENGES OF SPACE FOR THE EU & CSDP”

(Activity Number 23-24/27/1)

Rome, 23 to 26 October 2023

The Italian Centre for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) has the honor to organize under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) a course dedicated to “The challenges of space for EU and CSDP”. This course will take place in Rome, in the premises of CASD, from 23 to 26 October 2023.

In the current geopolitical context of increasing power competition and intensification of threats, the EU is taking action to protect its space assets, defend its interests, deter hostile activities in space and strengthen its strategic posture and autonomy.

This course is aimed at raising awareness of the importance of space activities in the framework of CSDP, by enabling participants to deliver a broad overview of international space policies, highlighting the strategic importance of space. It will also provide an opportunity to give an overview of national space structures and policies at the European level and to discuss further the importance of space industry for defence and security. It will also examine opportunities for increased international coordination and cooperation in this field.

Participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials from EU Member States and EU institutions dealing with strategic and operational aspects of space activities. They should be either working in key positions or have a clear potential to achieve leadership positions, in particular within space programs. Academics and members of the business community from the EU Member States can also be invited to participate.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.



We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate appropriate candidates to this training activity. For further information, please refer to the administrative instructions and the draft program contained in the annexes.

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A. Administrative Instructions

B. Draft Program



Annex: A

Challenges of space for EU and CSDP Course (Activity Number 23-24/27/1)

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- **Target group:** Participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials from EU Member States and EU Institutions dealing with strategic and operational aspects of space activities. They should be either working in key positions or have a clear potential to achieve leadership positions in particular within space programs' conducting services at governance level. Academics and members of the business community from the EU Member States may also be invited to participate.

The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and 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 shall 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 CASD shall not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

- **Seats & nominations:** The organizers intend to select a highly diverse group of participants in terms of professional and organizational background, age and nationality, and with regard to gender balance. However, as only a limited number of 30 participants can be accepted, priority is given to applicants who best fulfil the conditions outlined above to ensure training at the highest level.

The EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies and the CSDP Missions and Operations are kindly invited to nominate max. 2 (two) participants. However, more seats could be allocated, based on the total number of requests.

- **Application:** Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> **no later than 07 September 2023**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

Accepted candidates will receive a message of confirmation by 16 September 2023. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.

Registration will not be final until confirmed by the Course Director.

- **Attendance:** Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate signed by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, will be awarded to participants who have completed the full course and completed the eLearning phase.



- **Start and end of activity:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-learning module (set to start on 22 September 2023, on the ESDC e-learning platform ILIAS), which needs to be completed not later than the 23 October, close of business.
The residential part of the course, from 23 to 26 October, will be hosted by the Centre for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) (Piazza della Rovere, 83 - 00165 ROME, entrance gate at Via della Lungara, 81) (**please make your travel arrangements accordingly**).
- **Language:** Since English will be the working language of the course, participants must have a good command of English to be able to engage in discussions and fully benefit from the training (no additional language training or translation is provided). The course language is English without translation.
- **Dress code:** “Business casual (jacket and tie)/female equivalent” or service uniform (no battle dress uniform) for the opening and closing days (including for the ‘family photo’), smart casual clothing for the rest of the course and for the Ice-breaker.
- **Liabilities and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, costs should be covered by participant’s medical insurance provided by the sending country / organization. The organizer does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.
- **Costs:** The cost of tuition is free of charge.
All costs for international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering during the course will be covered by the sending authorities. Participants should arrange their own travel, accommodation and meals. Transportation will not be provided by the course organizers.
Travel and accommodation arrangements should not be made before the reception of the message confirming the nominee’s admission.
- **Additional info:** Course participants will receive further detailed information on the course in due time, including information directly linked to developments concerning travel restrictions or the health situation in Italy.

Accommodation

There are several hotels quite close to the CASD. Below are some hotels normally used by our course participants:

- **Hotel la Rovere ******
Vicolo di S. Onofrio, 4 – 5 00165
Tel. 0039 06 68806739
Fax 0039 06 68807062
E-mail: info@hotellarovere.com
- **Cicerone Hotel ******
Via Cicerone, 55/C 00193
Tel. 0039 06 3576
Fax 0039 06 68801383
E-Mail: giusi.puliszi@voi-hotels.com



- **Grand Hotel Olympic ******
Via Properzio, 2/A 00193
Tel. 0039 06 6896650
Fax 0039 06 6830
E-mail: olympic@aurumhotel.it
- **Hotel Atlante Garden ******
Via Vitelleschi, 34 00193
Tel. 0039 06 68638
Fax 0039 06 6872300
E-mail: Info@atlantehotels.com

All contacts with the chosen hotel are the participant's responsibility.

Meals

Lunches can be taken at the CASD canteen on a voluntary basis and at the participant's own expense. Participants wishing to have lunch at CASD during the course must book in advance via mail (*), then buy the tickets on-site on the first day. Lunch will cost € 4.39 each day and the payment is cash only (please bring the exact amount with you - € 4.39 x number of meals requested).

Cafeteria

A cafeteria is available in the CASD courtyard (opposite the conference room).

Icebreaker event

A hosted Icebreaker for participants and organising staff will be held at the CASD on Monday 18 September 2023 at 17:00 inside the CASD premises. Dress code is 'smart casual' (jacket no tie) or daily uniform.

CASD safety instructions

To be granted access to the CASD facilities, all participants must sign a Safety Instructions sheet. They will receive it in advance by e-mail and they will be requested to sign, scan and send it back by e-mail. (*)

Private vehicles

Attendees are not allowed to park their vehicles inside the CASD premises.

Miscellaneous

Participants are allowed to use their personal laptops. Free wi-fi internet access will be provided.

Arrival

You can reach Rome by plane through the following airports:

- FIUMICINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT;
- CIAMPINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.



Upon your arrival at **Fiumicino International Airport** you can:

1. take the 'Leonardo Express' train to Roma Termini station (cost € 14), take Metro A (direction Battistini station) to Ottaviano station (cost € 1.5) and then walk to the selected hotel.



2. take the shuttle Bus to Via Crescenzo n. 2 (near the Vatican – the fare is 6 €) and then walk to the selected hotel.



3. take a taxi to the hotel. The cost varies depending on the time of day but the standard fare is about € 50.

Upon arrival at **Ciampino International Airport** you can:

1. take the Shuttle Bus to Roma Termini station (cost € 6), take the metro to Ottaviano station (direction Battistini – cost € 1,5) and walk to the selected hotel;



2. take a taxi from Ciampino Airport to the hotel. The cost varies depending on the time of day but the standard fare is about € 30.

POINTS OF CONTACT:

For registration purposes:

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Annex: B

Challenges of space for EU and CSDP Course (Activity Number 23-24/27/1)

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Draft Program

Monday 23 October 2023 (1400-1930)	
In processing	
Welcoming remarks and opening speech	
Course introduction (CASD and ESDC)	
Participants introduction and expectations – tour de table	
Course ice breaker event	
Tuesday 24 October 2023 (0900-1700)	
keynote speech	
The EU space strategy for Security and Defence	
EU Space policy (initiatives and actors)	
Challenges to space security: evolution prospects for the CSDP	
Recap of day 2	
Wednesday 25 October 2023 (0900-1700)	
EU space surveillance Traffic management	
The EU strategic autonomy in space	
Field visit	
Thursday 26 October 2023 (0900-1600)	
National space structures and policies and their specificities	
Closing speech	
Course evaluation	
Certificates ceremony	