



## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (pilot)**

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*Larnaca, Cyprus, 2 to 5 December 2024*

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The Cyprus Security & Defence Academy (CSDA) and the Diplomatic Academy – University of Nicosia under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) / European Doctoral School on CSDP, have the honor and pleasure to organise the Artificial Intelligence, Security, and Cooperation in the European Union course to be held in Larnaca, Cyprus, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Aligned with the EU's commitment to the digital and AI agenda, as well as the troubling times through which peace, security, and stability are shaped by technological transformation and emerging technologies, this pilot course aims at identifying both practical and conceptual opportunities for doctoral researchers, practitioners, academics, and member-states officials through which Artificial Intelligence (AI) fosters cooperation in the field of security and defence in Europe. As such, the following objectives are highlighted:

- Understand the EU's Strategic Environment and analyses the role of AI in enhancing the EU's capabilities against hybrid threats
- Provide participants with a non-technical overview of the current research on AI
- Examine the Role of AI in National Security and investigate the use of AI for threat detection and predictive analytics
- Address Disinformation and Its Impact on Democracy
- AI Diplomacy and Cyber Diplomacy
- Engage in Ethical AI Research and Policy Development
- Participate in Interactive Workshops and Engage in Scenario Assessments
- Explore additional underexamined concepts and areas affected by AI such as gender and security



- Facilitate the exchange of academic and professional/practitioners' knowledge over governance and related policy and practices for AI in the field of security cooperation
- Allow doctoral students and academics to richly engage with practitioners and policymakers in crafting meaningful action towards AI use.

This course is structured into facilitating interactive discussions, workshops, and lectures with participants ranging from academia (including Doctoral Fellows from the Doctoral School of the ESDC), member-state officials, practitioners, the private sector, and related civil society institutions.

We kindly invite both European Doctoral School on CSDP fellows as well as member states representatives to enroll in the course, using the respective lines of communication to nominate participants for the Above Course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the ESDC: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in related fields.

Please find below the administrative instructions, a tentative programme and the Hotel registration form.

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Annexes:

- **Administrative instructions**
- **Tentative programme**
- **Hotel Registration Form**

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (pilot) Larnaca, Cyprus, 2 to 5 December 2024

<b>DAY 1</b> <b>02.12.2024</b> University of Nicosia, Nicosia	
10:30-11:00	<b>Course Participants Registration</b>
11:00-12:00	Transportation to Nicosia City
12:00-13:30	<b>Nicosia Old Town Cultural Tour</b>
13:30-15:30	<b>Ice Breaker Lunch</b> (traditional Cyprus food)
16:00-17:00	<b>Doctoral School Café – Research Discussion Workshop with Fellows</b>
17:00-18:00	<b>Opening Ceremony - Keynote Speech</b>
18:00-19:30	Reception and Networking
19:30-20:30	Transportation to Larnaca City
<b>DAY 2</b> <b>03.12.2024</b> Sun Hall Hotel, Larnaca	
09:00-09:15	Introductory remarks
09:15-10:00	<b>The EU's strategic environment: EU collaboration with other security organisations in the current security context</b>
10:00-10:50	<b>Research, Training, and Artificial Intelligence in Europe</b>
10:50-11:10	Coffee break
11:10-12:00	<b>AI &amp; National Security: Threat Detection and Predictive Analytics</b>
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-13:50	<b>Cybersecurity and AI practices</b>
13:50-14:10	Coffee break
14:10-15:00	<b>Countering Disinformation</b>
15:00-15:50	<b>From Cyber Diplomacy to AI Diplomacy</b>
<b>DAY 3</b> <b>04.12.2024</b> Sun Hall Hotel, Larnaca	
09:00-09:50	<b>AI, Disinformation, and the Threat to Democracy</b>
09:50-10:40	<b>ChatGPT-assisted decision-making: An in-depth exploration of the human-AI interaction</b>
10:40-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:15	<b>Roundtable discussion - Methodologies for research and policy – using AI ethically</b>

12:15-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:00	<b>Interactive Workshop – National Security, EU and Artificial Intelligence</b> <i>(scenario – assessments)</i>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	<b>Interactive workshop (continued) Recap &amp; Scenario presentations</b>
19:00-23:00	<b>Official Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 4</b> <b>05.12.2024</b> Sun Hall Hotel, Larnaca	
09:00-09:50	<b>AI- enabled gender-based violence in the EU</b>
09:50-10:40	<b>Roundtable discussion – Countering disinformation and the future of European security in the realm of AI</b>
11:30-12:00	Mapping challenges and lessons learned for future work (PhD Fellows & others) Feedback session
12:00-13:00	Concluding remarks Certificate ceremony
13:00-14:00	Lunch break - departure



# Administrative Information

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (pilot)**

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## Republic of Cyprus

**The Island of Cyprus** is the third largest of the Mediterranean islands and is officially known as the Republic of Cyprus. Strategically placed at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, the island has had a turbulent history reflected in the architectural ruins, abandoned villages, ghost-towns and Nicosia, Europe's last remaining 'Divided City'. On the island, one encounters an exotic and exciting mix of east and west, reflected in the cultural traditions and lifestyle. Cyprus has been a full member of the EU since the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004 and adopted the Euro on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2008. It is noted that Cyprus has been divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to Protocol 10 to the Act of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, the application of the European Law (acquis) shall be suspended in those areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control. United Nations Security Council called upon all states to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and condemned all secessionist actions (resolution 550/1984). A negotiating process aiming at reaching a settlement of the Cyprus problem is currently underway.

**Nicosia** (Lefkosia) is the capital of Cyprus and is located roughly in the island's centre. Instead of the sea breeze, one can feel an air of sophistication and cultural diversity that reinforces its capacity as a European capital. With a rich history that can be traced back to the Bronze Age, Lefkosia only became the capital in the 11<sup>th</sup> century AD, and the Lusignans transformed it into a magnificent city with a royal palace and over fifty churches. Later in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Venetians gave it its trademark city walls, which completely encircle the Old City. The massive and architecturally impressive walls have a circumference of 4.5 Km, with 11 heart-shaped bastions and three gates to the city. The walls divide Lefkosia into the Old City within and the modern and continuously developing city outside the borders. Sadly, Lefkosia is still divided, with the demarcation of Green Line running right across the Old City from east to west. Crossing over from one side to the other is possible upon presenting an ID card or passport.

**Larnaca**, the host town of the meeting, is a city located on the southern coast of Cyprus. It is the third-largest city in the country, following Nicosia and Limassol, with an urban population of 85,000. Larnaca is renowned for its palm-tree-lined seafront, the Church of Saint Lazarus, the Hala Sultan Tekke, the Kamares Aqueduct, and its medieval fort. The city is built on the ruins of ancient Citium, the birthplace of the Stoic philosopher Zeno. Larnaca is home to the country's primary airport, Larnaca International Airport. It also features a seaport and a marina, serving both passenger and cargo traffic.

### Cyprus Key Facts Quick View

**Geographic Location:** Eastern Mediterranean Island  
**Climate:** Mediterranean  
**Local Time:** GMT +2 (winter time)  
**Area:** 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles)  
**Population:** 1,207.000 (2020)  
**Capital city:** Nicosia (population: 244,000)  
**Languages:** Greek, Turkish, English  
**Currency:** Euro  
**Government:** Republic (Presidential System) since 1960  
**Head of State:** President Nicos CHRISTODOULIDES  
**Minister of Defence:** Vasilis PALMAS

## Cyprus Airports/Ports

The **only legal points of entry and exit** to and from the territory of the Republic are the international airports of **Larnaca** and **Paphos** and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Paphos and Latchi. **Use of any other points of entry/exit operating without the authorisation of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is considered illegal under Article 12 of the Aliens and Immigration Law.**

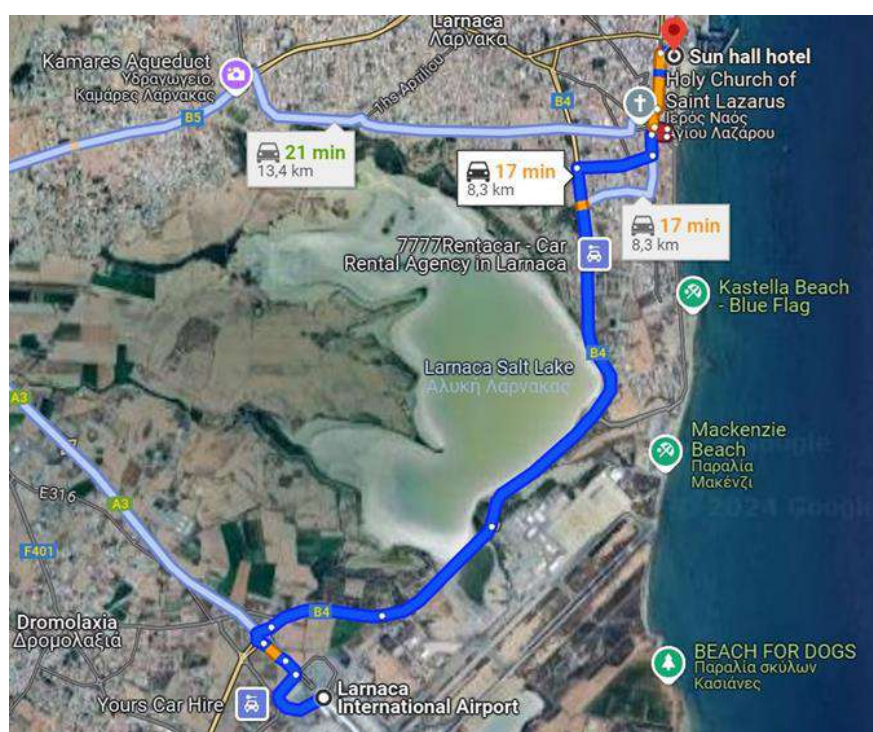
**PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PFO)** (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: [www.hermesairports.com](http://www.hermesairports.com))

Paphos International Airport is located on the island's west coast, just 9 miles east of the town of PAPHOS and 125 Km from Larnaca, the event's host city. PFO can be accessed from Larnaca by the A6 motorway.

**LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCA)** (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: [www.hermesairports.com](http://www.hermesairports.com))

Larnaca International Airport is Cyprus's main international airport and is 5km south of the town of LARNACA. A new terminal building opened in November 2009, serving 9 million passengers annually.

**The distance from Larnaca International Airport to the Sun Hall Hotel is 8,7 Km and approximately 15 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes by bus (bus number 425, bus station Finikoudes).**





## Accommodation

The first day of the course (02 Dec 2024) will take place at the premises of the University of Nicosia in the Capital City Nicosia (transportation from Larnaca to Nicosia and back will be offered by the Course Organizers). The rest of the course, will be held at **Sun Hall Hotel** in **Larnaca** (<https://www.sunhallhotel.com.cy/>). The Hotel was selected for its quality of services, conference facilities, proximity to Larnaca airport, an applicable low rate and location (it's located in the city centre). In case you are interested to be accommodated to this Hotel, attached you can find a hotel registration form



which you must complete and send before the **11th of October 2024**, otherwise, there is no guarantee for availability in general but also within the special rates. The Ministry of Defence has a special arrangement with the hotel for this event.

### Room rates:

Single room on B&B **€90.00** per room per day

Single room on B&H **€113.00** per room per day

In case you would like to extend your staying before or after the Course, the same prices will apply. Any other special requirements can be arranged directly with the hotel.

Check-in time: 14:00

Check-out time: 12:00

Any other special requests should be made directly with the hotel (early check-in, late check-out ect.)

### Room Reservation:

Participants should make their reservation directly to the hotel reservation department by sending the **hotel reservation form** to the email: [info@sunhallhotel.com.cy](mailto:info@sunhallhotel.com.cy) or by Fax to the number **+35724652717**.

**Internet Access:** Free WIFI will be provided on all hotel premises.

### Arrival in Cyprus

- Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements **to one of the legal points of entry of the Republic of Cyprus** [LARNAKA International Airport (**highly recommended**) or PAPHOS Airport].
- You can reach the Sun Hotel by taxi (15 euros) or bus no. 425 (bus stop: FINIKOUDES).
- For those arriving /departing from Paphos Airport, they can use either Taxi, which will cost about 100 euros (1 hour and 25 minutes – 125 Km) or KAPNOS Airport Bus Shuttle, which will cost about 15 euros (2 hours). For further information, see below transport in Cyprus.

### Meals - Coffee Breaks

- We will host an Ice Breaker Lunch on Monday, **2 Dec 2024**
- A special price for **Light Lunch (Standing)** has been set at the cost of **€15.00** per person per day, and it will be paid directly to the hotel upon arrival. (Please indicate your preference in the hotel reservation form.
- During the Coffee Breaks, we will be offered coffee and snacks.
- A hosted Dinner will take place on **4 Dec 2024**

## Tourist Information

Information to tourists is provided by a tourist information office located in Departures, as well as by various airline information desks, which are located on the public concourse. Please visit the official site of the Cyprus Tourism Organization: [www.visitcyprus.com](http://www.visitcyprus.com)

## Transport in Cyprus

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses are the only means of public transport in Cyprus. There are no metros or trains.

### SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FROM PAPHOS AIRPORT TO LARNACA AIRPORT VIA LIMASSOL

KAPNOS AIRPORT SHUTTLE provides a “Shuttle” service between Paphos International Airport and Larnaca International Airport at €15 per person. Please note that if you choose this way to travel, you should take the bus or a taxi for the rest of the route up to the hotel. For more details, visit the link <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> or call Tel.: +357 24 00 87 18.

### URBAN BUSES

Urban buses link different areas within the respective cities and frequently operate during the day. Each town has its own bus company. **The cost of tickets is One way €1.50, daily €5.00, and night €2.50. Daily tickets are valid until 21:00 each day. From 21:00 and after, passengers should issue the night ticket.**

### TRANSURBAN/INTERCITY BUSES

Intercity Buses Co Ltd provides public bus transport between towns. For exact timetables, contact: INTERCITY BUSES Co Ltd., Tel.: 23 81 90 90, [www.intercity.buses.com](http://www.intercity.buses.com)

### URBAN TAXIS

Urban taxis are available 24 hours a day in all towns. They can be booked by phone or hired on the street.

Additionally, you can ask for a taxi at your hotel reception desk.

Taximeters are installed in all urban taxis, and charging starts as soon as you get into the car.

### HIRED CARS

Self-drive car rental firms have offices in all towns and at Larnaca International Airport.

To be permitted to drive in Cyprus, you must hold a valid national or international driving license, provided it is suitable for the class of vehicle you wish to go. **CAUTION: Traffic moves on the left-hand side of the road, NOT on the right.**

Due to the sometimes-intense brightness of the clear Mediterranean sky, drivers are advised to wear sunglasses.

## Maps of Cyprus

To see Cyprus and City maps, please click [here](#).



**SUN HALL HOTEL  
RESERVATION FORM**

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**BOOKING DETAILS:**

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate type of room required (rate is per room, per night, on Bed and Breakfast, inclusive of all Taxes, VAT

Single room on Bed & Breakfast **€90.00** per room per day

Single room on Bed & Half board **€113.00** per room per day

*For additional nights before or after the even the same rates as above will apply.*

**Light Lunch (Standing) €15.00** per person per day (including one local drink) (mandatory)

**PERSONAL DETAILS:**

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT DETAILS:**

Card Type (Visa/Amex/Master/Diners/Other): \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check-out time** is 12:00, but if anyone requires late check out (upon availability), the following extra charges will apply:

Late Check out until 14:00: Free of charge – Subject to availability

Late Check out until 16:00: 30.00 Euros Late Check out until 18:00: 50.00 Euros

**FREE Wi-Fi INTERNET ACCESS IN ALL HOTEL PERMISES**

Hotel accommodation is to be paid directly at the hotel upon arrival. Your credit card details are required as a deposit guarantee. The one-night deposit will not be drawn from your credit card unless the reservation has been cancelled in up to 3 days before arrival. Cancellations must be sent in writing. For not show, the hotel will charge one overnight.

**RELEASE DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

Please note that the above rates applied for all bookings made before **11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. After this date no room availability can be guaranteed and higher rates might be applied for ANY bookings made.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed and signed form to the email: [info@sunhallhotel.com.cy](mailto:info@sunhallhotel.com.cy) or fax +35724652717 and (cc) to [petrouv@mod.gov.cy](mailto:petrouv@mod.gov.cy) before **11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.