



INVITATION TO THE
Basic Course on Security Sector Reform
(Tbilisi, 26 – 29 November 2024)
Training activity number 24-25/10/3

The Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the Director of the Defence Institution Building School (DIBS) and the Director of the Post Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC) are pleased to announce the 'Basic Course on Security Sector Reform', which will be held in Tbilisi (Georgia) from 26 to 29 November 2024.

In 2017, PCOSC and DIBS began cooperating in the field of education and training; since last year such a cooperation has been extended to the EU environment with the Basic Course on Security Sector Reform that is one of the educational paths within the ESDC's annual education and training programme that meet the specific training needs to enhance Security Sector Reform (SSR) knowledge and practice within the EU.

The aim of the course is to provide attendees with a general overview and basic knowledge of the SSR concept as an essential multidimensional element of conflict prevention, crisis management, institution building and stabilisation efforts, which play an increasingly central role in achieving sustainable and long-lasting solutions for stability. Throughout the course, close attention will be paid to the European Union's approach and its broad strategic framework in support of SSR. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Defence Sector Reform (DSR) and the main challenges of implementing it.

The course will consist of two compulsory modules: an Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) module (available on the ILIAS virtual platform from 28 October to 22 November 2024), followed by a residential module which will be held in Tbilisi from 26 to 29 November 2024. Upon completion of the two two modules, participants will have acquired a good understanding of the SSR concept and will know how to apply key EU SSR policy and guidance documents in the planning and/or implementation of a Common Security and Defense Policy missions/operations or EU Commission programmes/projects.

The Italian Army Post-Conflict Operations Study Centre, the Georgian Defence Institution Building School and the European Security and Defence College hereby kindly invite you to nominate candidates for this Basic Course on SSR. The course is aimed at senior military officers (from the rank of Major to Colonel) and civilian officials/executive roles from EU Member States, bodies and agencies. The course is open to third countries and international organisations, although priority will be given to candidates from EU Member States.

The registration period ends on 25 October 2024.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Tbilisi.

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Annexes:

- A. Administrative instructions
- B. Course provisional syllabus



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Admin Instructions

1. **Application procedure (no later than 25 October 2024)**
 - a. EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies, Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations and International Organizations are kindly invited to nominate their candidates and send their applications (via ESDC secure internet ENLIST system) by their respective designated nominators at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>.
 - b. All applications from non-EU countries, should be sent to Alberto Bragadin¹, the ESDC Training Manager for SSR and DDR, indicating the applicant's full name, position, institution, personal email address and phone number.
 - c. Given that a maximum of 35 seats will be available, the final admission is subject to the official confirmation by ESDC.
 - d. A specific joining form and a detailed info-package will be sent by DIBS to all the admitted participants.
 - e. **The course will be run upon reaching the minimum number of 10 participants.**
2. **Costs**
 - a. The participants' sending country/authority/organisation must cover all related costs (travel, accommodation and meals).
 - b. In accordance with the ESDC direction and guidance, the course follows a “no-tuition-fee policy”.
3. **Course structure**

The course, entirely run in English language, will consist of the following two mandatory modules:

 - a. **Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) Module:**

It will take place from 28 October to 22 November 2024. During this module participants will be required to complete the following Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs):

 - ✓ AKU 3 - Role of EU institutions in the field of CFSP/CSDP;
 - ✓ AKU 11A Gender and the UNSCR 1325 women, peace and security agenda.

The AKUs will be available on ILIAS platform as soon as participants will be given the related account.
 - b. **Residential Module**

Upon completion of the IDL module, participants will be admitted to attend the residential module which will take place from 26 to 29 November 2024 in Tbilisi (GEO) at the Defence Institution Building School - DIBS (20, Chonkadze Str.). This module will consist of frontal lessons and panel discussions during which participants will be encouraged to interact among themselves and with all the lecturers and experts as much as possible.

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4. **Attendance rules**

- a. Given that the course will not be run in a hybrid format, participants must attend the residential module of the course in presence on all days. Those participants who will have successfully completed the full course (including the IDL module) will be awarded with a certificate;
- b. Dress code: service uniform for military personnel / jacket and tie for men / similar for women for opening and closing ceremony; smart casual for the rest of the days.

5. Points of Contact:

- For Administrative Issues
 - ✓ ESDC Secretariat at alberto.bragadin@eeas.europa.eu
- For Course Contents
 - ✓ PCOSC Secretariat at infocspco@comform.esercito.difesa.it.
- For Logistic Issues
 - ✓ Defence Institution Building School at dibs@mod.gov.ge