





## THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE AND THE ITALIAN ARMY POST-CONFLICT OPERATIONS STUDY CENTRE

## INVITATION TO THE

ESDC Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (Tbilisi, 12-15 December 2023)

Training activity number 23-24/10/3

The Head of the ESDC, the Acting Director of DIBS and the Director of the PCOSC are pleased to announce the 'Basic Course on Security Sector Reform', which will be held in Tbilisi (Georgia) from 12 to 15 December 2023.

In 2017, the Italian Army Post-Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC) and the Georgian Defence Institution Building School (DIBS) began cooperation in the field of education and training, which this year has been extended to the EU environment. The Basic Course on Security Sector Reform has been established within the ESDC's annual education and training programme as one of three educational paths that meet the specific training needs to enhance Security Sector Reform (SSR) knowledge and practice within the European Union.

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 stability. Throughout the course, close attention will be paid to the European Union's approach and its broad strategic framework in support of the SSR. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Defence Sector Reform (DSR) and the 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 27 November to 8 December 2023), followed by a residential module which will be held in Tbilisi from 12 to 15 December 2023. Upon completion of these 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 CSDP mission/operation or EU Commission programme/project.

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 20 November 2023.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tbilisi.

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## Appendices:

- 1. Log/Admin details
- 2. Course provisional syllabus