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Invitation

Course on the "Train the eTrainers"

24-28 June 2024, Online

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The Department for International Police Missions of the LAFP NRW has the pleasure to pilot in co-operation with the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) the "Train the eTrainers"- course which will be held online from **24 to 28 June 2024.**

In the realm of education and training, few topics have sparked as much debate as the digitalization of teaching and training. With the onset of the pandemic, we faced the challenge of cancelling trainings or transferring them directly into a virtual format – without having any experience in how to do so.

How do I transfer active, participative and adult-orientated teaching into a virtual environment? Is there a virtual pin board? What should be considered for online group work? How do I keep the attention of my participants online? This period was full of learning moments – both challenging and enlightening. Have you thought about how to make the most of online teaching so that it has a meaningful impact on your students' learning experience?

The "Train the eTrainer" program focuses on this. It's an opportunity to learn from experiences, broaden our skills, and master the art of digital teaching. We've not only learned what doesn't work over the past years but also what holds incredible potential.

Crucially, our program does not hinge on complex tools or costly licensed products. Instead, we prioritize leveraging the tools most of us already have access to, such as the capabilities of modern video conferencing systems. With minor adjustments and modifications in our teaching styles and methods, we aim to achieve significant impacts. This approach ensures that anyone, regardless of their technical expertise or resources, can enhance their digital teaching practices.

The overall aim of the course is to empower trainers and experts with principles, tools and methods necessary to effectively design and facilitate synchronous digital learning environments.

Key **learning objectives** of the course are:

- Explain the differences between communicating with participants in an online learning environment and on-site courses
- Describe the issues of concentration and attention in an online learning environment and how this can be addressed
- Name tools to conduct participatory teaching in an online learning environment
- Outline the possibilities of modern video conferencing systems in online teaching
- Describe cooperative learning methods in an online learning environment
- Development and demonstration of a cooperative online teaching sequence using the newly learnt methods and tools in the context of the participants' own field of work

The target group are trainers and subject matter experts, who are involved in learning related events such as trainings, workshops and seminars in a national as well as in an international context. Basic knowledge in methodology and didactics is helpful but not mandatory, as these concepts will be covered in an accessible and very practical manner within the course.

Let's begin this journey together to develop the digital skills needed today and in the future. Please find below details concerning the registration process. It is a great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants for this course. We look forward to exploring innovative teaching methods with you, pushing the boundaries of what's possible.



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1. Administrative Information

- **Target Audience:** Participants can be experienced and unexperienced trainers from the civilian, police and military component, involved in learning related events in a national as well as international context.
- **How to apply:** 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 **24 May 2024**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- **Registration:** Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participants' list is finalised, the designated course director/point of contact will be in contact with selected participants and provide more detailed information on the course.
- **Seats:** A maximum of 10 participants is envisaged.
- **Location:** The course will be held online
- **Language:** Working language is English, without translation.
- **Time:** The course starts Monday 09:00 and ends Friday 14:00. Daily approximate times are 08:30-16:30 (Including phases for trying out and experimenting)
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. 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.
- **Attendance:** The participant's attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course.

- **Point of contact:**

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