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## **CSDP Orientation Course (22-23/3/14)**

**Brussels, 24 – 28 Apr 2023**

### **INVITATION**

The European Union Military Staff and the European Security and Defence College have the honour to co-organise the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course**, to be held in Brussels, in a residential format, from 24 April to 28 April 2023.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of EU training activities in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy. It aims to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The course will provide participants with an overview of the civilian and military aspects of European Security and Defence Policy and go into more detail as it unfolds.

The course consists of an eLearning part, as well as a residential session, held in Brussels, both parts being compulsory. It will offer an in-depth analysis of Common European Security and Defence Policy, while the participants will have the opportunity to network, and share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the CSDP Orientation Course and support the accomplishment of the ultimate goal of the course: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.

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European Union Military Staff  
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### Administrative Information

- **Target group:** The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and Agencies, CSDP Missions and Operations and International Organizations, who are either involved in or designated to work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) matters. Third countries and international organisations are welcome to put forward suitable candidates.
- **Seats & nominations:** The course capacity is 60 seats, with up to 30 participants from the EU (Operational and Forward) Headquarters/Military Planning and Conduct Capability (EU (F)(O) HQ/ MPCC) Community. However, the maximum capacity will be dictated by the rules of social distancing in force at the deadline for applications.
- **Application:** Applications from the EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 17 March 2023**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- Applications from the EU (F) (O)HQ/ MPCC Community should be sent to the EU Operations Centre at [eu\\_operations\\_centre@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:eu_operations_centre@eeas.europa.eu) which will make the final selection for the 30 seats dedicated to the EU(F) (O) HQ / MPCC Community. The application should indicate the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), first name, personal e-mail address, nationality, passport number, the validity of passport, date of birth, institution / EU OHQ and position in the (F) (O)HQ; reason how this course benefits the applicant.
- Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC Secretariat at [SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu) by the institution/ organisation that receives this invitation. The application should indicate: the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), personal e-mail address (functional



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mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number, validity of passport, date of birth, institution; reason how this course benefits the applicant.

- **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, including the e-Learning modules.
- **E-Learning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning module (set to start on the 10th of April), which needs to be finalised before the residential phase in Brussels starts.
- **Language:** The working language is English without translation.
- **Costs:** All costs for international travelling and accommodation (including breakfast) shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Dress code:** Dress/jacket and tie 24 Apr. Business casual clothes for the rest of the course.
- **Liabilities and Insurance:** In case of medical emergencies, the costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organization. The organizer does not provide health or accident insurance for participants taking part in the event.
- **COVID-related info:** Please refer to <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>. Additional info will be provided before to the course. All participants are obliged to follow Belgian regulations and guidelines.
- **Additional info:** The course standard curriculum can be accessed from the ESDC website, <https://esdc.europa.eu/>.
- **Points of contact:**
  - Course Director, LtCol Brigitte VAN DEN BROECK  
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  - Training Manager from ESDC Secretariat, Col Igor CEBEK  
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### Draft Programme

Monday, 24/04/2023	Tuesday, 25/04/2023	Wednesday, 26/04/2023	Thursday, 27/04/2023	Friday, 28/04/2023
<p><b>08.45-09.30</b> Intro to the Course</p> <p>ESDC Presentation</p> <p>EUMS Presentation</p> <p><b>09.30-09.45</b> Welcome remarks EUMS Deputy Director General</p> <p><b>09.45-10.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>10.00 -11.00</b> EU Global Strategy</p> <p><b>11.00-12.00</b> Strategic Compass</p>	<p><b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day</p> <p><b>09.00-10.30</b> CSDP Crisis Management Structures &amp; Procedures</p> <p><b>10.30-11.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>11.00-12.00</b> The EU Rapid Response and EU Battle Group <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 1)</b></p>	<p><b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day</p> <p><b>09.00-10.30</b> Role of EUMS Military Operations and Missions <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 3)</b></p> <p><b>10.30-11.00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>11.00-12.30</b> Cooperation with partner organizations and countries. EU-UN/ EU-NATO <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 4)</b></p>	<p><b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day</p> <p><b>09.00-10.15</b> Role MPCC. EU military missions <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 5)</b></p> <p><b>10.15-10.30</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>10.30-12.30</b> Emerging threats: Cyber Security, Hybrid Threats and Strategic communication <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 6)</b></p>	<p><b>08.45-09.00</b> Overview of the day</p> <p><b>09.00-10.00</b> EU Civilian Missions. COMPACT</p> <p><b>10.00-10.30</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>10.30 – 11.30</b> Future of CSDP</p> <p><b>11.30-12.00</b> Closing remarks Award ceremony and Group Photo</p>
<p><b>12.00-13.00</b> <b>Lunch Break</b></p>	<p><b>12.00-13.00</b> <b>Lunch Break</b></p>	<p><b>12.30-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b></p>	<p><b>12.30-13.30</b> <b>Lunch Break</b></p>	
<p><b>13.00-16.00</b> Groups preparation for Participant-Expert discussion</p> <p><b>19.00 – 21.00</b> Official dinner (Restaurant AMADEUS Brussels)</p>	<p><b>13.00-14.30</b> EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crisis <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 2)</b></p> <p><b>14.30 – 14.45</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>14.45 –15.45</b> Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations (gender and human rights)</p>	<p><b>13.30-14.45</b> EU Defence initiatives in support of capability development</p>	<p><b>13.30-15.15</b> EU Intelligence <b>Participant-Expert- Discussion (Group 7)</b></p>	