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**Invitation to the ESDC course
'Disaster Relief in CSDP Context'**

*in Lisbon (PORTUGAL) on 18-22 November 2024
(Activity Number – 24-25/44/1)*

The Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR), in collaboration with the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), will host a comprehensive course on Disaster Relief in CSDP Context in **Lisbon from 18 to 22 November 2024**. The course targets experts from civilian (diplomatic/consular, police, judicial, intelligence, humanitarian NGO) and military backgrounds, emphasising civil protection, disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance.

Participants from EU Member States and third countries, are encouraged to apply, including those from CSDP Missions, EU institutions, agencies, and delegations involved in disaster areas.

The curriculum aligns with the ESDC's framework and aims to enhance capabilities in disaster management, emphasising strategic planning, civilian-military coordination, and networking among experts. Priority is given to candidates for high-risk CSDP missions, and nominations are welcomed from EU Member States and international organizations.

We invite you to nominate suitable participants for this essential training opportunity, which not only prepares individuals for upcoming assignments but also equips them to address the diverse safety and security challenges inherent in EU CSDP missions and operations.

We look forward to your active participation in this important initiative.

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ESDC course: 'Disaster Relief in CSDP Context'

Lisbon, 18 - 22 November 2024

Administrative information

This course is aimed at experts with military, civilian/police, diplomatic, or professional backgrounds involved in humanitarian and disaster management under the CFSP/CSDP framework. Priority will be given to personnel from EU Member States eligible for deployment in disaster-stricken areas, including teams from the European External Action Service/ European Union Military Staff, DG ECHO, and relevant humanitarian roles. The maximum capacity is 20 participants.

Applications from EU Member States and EU institutions must be submitted via ENLIST by 15 October 2024. A list of the relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Third countries and international organisations should email applications to maria.penedos@eeas.europa.eu (ueps.sft@gnr.pt), providing personal details and reasons for attending. Selection considers background, experience, gender balance, and diversity, with final decisions made by the Portuguese GNR and ESDC.

Registration requires confirmation from the ESDC Secretariat and submission of personal data via ENLIST. Late registration may be possible based on seat availability.

The course will take place at GNR Welfare/Social Services premises near Lisbon (Avenida Afonso de Albuquerque 197, 2825-450 Costa da Caparica), with English as the working language. There are no fees; participants or their authorities cover travel, accommodation, meals, and transfers.

Accommodation suggestions include SSGNR (upon availability), with lunch available onsite at €16.95 per person, TRYP Lisboa Caparica Mar Hotel, and Crowne Plaza Caparica Lisbon.

An ice-breaker event will precede the course on Sunday evening, 17 November. Participants must have medical insurance, as no health or accident insurance is provided.

Attendance throughout the course is mandatory, with certification awarded upon completion, including mandatory e-learning completed by 17 November 2024.

Participants are expected to arrive in Lisbon on 17 November, with the course beginning at 09:00 on 18 November and concluding around 14:00 on 22 November 2024. Business attire is required.

For further information:

- **Registration, Logistics, and Administrative Support:** ueps.sft@gnr.pt (GNR UEPS)
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