



The European Security and Defence College
and
Romanian National College of Home Affairs

Invitation to the seminar

**The challenges of securing maritime areas
for the European Union: a focus on the Indo-Pacific Region**

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In the European Union's strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, maritime security is mentioned as a key component (naval presence, capacity building, etc.), alongside ocean governance in the maritime domain. Reference is also made to some potential activities that will be put in place in the region in the future (Coordinated Maritime Presence, Maritime Area of Interest, etc.).

To raise awareness about the increasing role played by the EU in the field of maritime security, in particular in the Indo-Pacific region, the European Union's European Security and Defence College (ESDC), together with the National College of Home Affairs of Romania, and in cooperation with the EU project *Enhancing Security Cooperation in and with Asia* (ESIWA¹), is organising a training seminar on The challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union: a Focus on the Indo-Pacific Region. Participants in the seminar will receive comprehensive information on EU maritime security priorities, policies and actors.

We are pleased to invite officials from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, and representatives from the following Indo-Pacific countries – India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Vietnam – to participate in the seminar. Participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials working in state institutions/agencies in the area of maritime security.

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Seminar administrative instructions

¹ The ESIIWA project aims to support the strengthening of the EU's security exchanges in and with Asia by supporting cooperation with partner countries in the Indo-Pacific. Launched on 1 April 2020, the four-year action is co-financed by the European Union, the German Federal Foreign Office and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.



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Seminar administrative instructions

The language used in the seminar will be English (no interpretation), and a maximum of 70 participants can be accommodated. The course will be open to mid-ranking to senior officials (civilian and military) from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, and from the following Indo-Pacific countries – India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Vietnam.

National ENLIST nominators should nominate participants from EU Member States and institutions via the ESDC secure registration system, using the following link: <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 1 March 2023**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at: <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.

National authorities will have applicants from the following countries – India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Vietnam – and they should forward names directly to: maria-grazia.romano@eeas.europa.eu.

The seminar will consist of an **online part** (asynchronous), on the ESDC e-learning platform, and a **residential part**. Both parts are compulsory.

The registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.

For the selected participants, the e-learning part will start on **24 March 2023**. The topics covered during the face-to-face sessions in Brussels will be explored interactively, followed by Q&A sessions, panel discussions and group activities.

Sending authorities will cover all costs for travel, accommodation and catering for participants from EU Member States and EU agencies. Participants from EU Member States and agencies should arrange their travel and accommodation. Participants will receive further information after registration. Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmatory message.

For participants coming from the following countries – India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Thailand and Vietnam – the ESIWA project will cover the costs of travel, visa, accommodation and catering for a maximum **of three participants per country**. When nominating seminar participants, countries must submit names in order of priority, to facilitate the selection process. The ESIWA project will contact the participants directly regarding logistics. If a Schengen visa is necessary, please note that it may take longer than 15 days to process the visa application, depending on the country of origin. This is because a growing number of applicants want to travel to the Schengen area following the easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions worldwide.



Participants should arrive in Brussels by **Tuesday 2 May 2023** at the latest.

The dress code is business attire for both civilians and military personnel.

Support services:

- All administrative information, programmes and the material will be available to accepted participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS).

- **Point of contact at the European Security and Defence College:**

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