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PILOT Course
A Comprehensive Approach in Defence and Security Capacity Building Assistance
Via della Stazione di Cesano - 423, 00123 Roma
3-5 June 2025

INVITATION

In the last years, the European Union and NATO have developed close collaboration in different areas such as military mobility and strategic communication, maritime security, cyber domain and exchange of classified information at tactical level.

In the field of Security Force Assistance (SFA), current situations oblige the European Union to consider more firmly to build a stronger partnership with NATO. According to military experts and scholars, SFA is considered the future methods of warfare. Consequently, it is necessary to raise awareness among the main military and political stakeholders of the importance of the SFA doctrine and the ways of its implementation and enforcement.

In this regard, this course aims at improving knowledge and competency of the personnel deployed in CSDP Missions and Operations. In particular, the main aim of the course is:

- to develop experts' capacity in the Security domain, in the context of Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Defence Capacity Building (DCB);
- to give theoretical understanding of fundamentals, skills, technique and tools to advise on Security domain, on Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Defence Capacity Building (DCB) in view to stabilize and democratise Security and defence national security architectures in crisis management areas or in view to re-establish peace and security;
- to uniform the instruments and the behaviour of EU mission operator/expert and to ensure that participants are adequately prepared so that they can operate as part of a comprehensive and integrated approach;
- to improve the Security Sector Reform of the counterpart through an insight into the latest policies, instruments and tools available to fulfil the mandate, with a focus on the mission environment and provide a sense of common EU identity and purpose.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for this pilot course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to the primary objective of the ESDC, i.e. providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work efficiently in CSDP-related fields.

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Administrative instructions

- **Target audience:** this course is open to civilian, diplomatic, police and military personnel from EU Member States and relevant EU bodies.
- **Places and nominations:** around 35 places will be available for international participants. Typically, one or two places are allocated to each EU Member State, but depending on the total number of requests, one additional place may be offered. Our objective is to achieve a group of participants that is balanced in terms of gender and professional background.
- **Applications:** applications from EU Member States should be filed via ENLIST, the ESDC's secure internet system, by designated nominators, at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> **no later than 2 May 2025**. A list of ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the Course Director, upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.
- **Attendance:** attendance is mandatory on all days of the course. Participants will only be issued with an ESDC certificate on the final day if they have completed the entire course.
- **Inclusivity:** the ESDC strives to create a **gender-sensitive and inclusive environment** in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the training institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Language:** the course will be conducted in English, no interpretation will be provided.
- **Residential part of the course:** this portion of the course will take place in NATO SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, Via della Stazione di Cesano - 423, 00123 Roma, Italy, from the **3 to 5 June 2025** (Tuesday 08:00 to Thursday 16:30).



- **Costs:** sending authorities must cover all travel, accommodation and catering (including breakfast) costs for participants from EU Member States.
- **Dress code:** for civilians formal dress for the first and last days, business casual clothing for the rest of the course; for military combat uniform.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** in the event of a medical emergency, participants' medical insurance, provided by the sending country/organisation, must cover all costs. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for event participants.
- **Additional information:** course participants will receive further detailed information about the course in due course.

Please do not book accommodation and travel before receiving the confirmation message from the ESDC Secretariat.

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