



CSDP Orientation Course
(ESDC Activity Number 24-25/3/13)
Madrid, 09-13 June 2025

INVITATION

The National Defence Advanced Studies Centre (CESEDEN) is honoured to organise the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). The course is scheduled to take place in Madrid from June 9th to 13th of 2025.

The CSDP Orientation Course aims to foster a deeper understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. Participants will receive comprehensive insights into both civilian and military aspects of the European Security and Defence Policy.

The course comprises two mandatory phases: an eLearning phase and a residential session in Madrid. It will offer a comprehensive analysis of the CSDP and participants will have the opportunity to network, exchange perspectives with one another, and engage with professionals in the field of CSDP.

We invite you to nominate participants for this five-day training activity, thereby contributing to the achievement of the course's objective: providing Member States and EU institutions with even more knowledgeable personnel capable of working in CSDP-related fields.

Details regarding the registration process for this course and a draft programme are provided below.

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ANNEX A

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- **Venue:** The residential part will be held in Madrid at the National Defence Advanced Studies Centre (CESEDEN), “Paseo de la Castellana”, 61, 28071 Madrid.
- **Participation:** The course is open to civilian, police and military personnel from EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies. Participants will normally be entry-level or mid-level staff with some previous experience in security policy issues. EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies who are interested, are invited to nominate participants. The course welcomes participants from Third Countries, International Organizations, and NGOs, based on the availability of seats.
- **Application:** Applications from EU Member States, EU institutions, and agencies should be submitted through the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST by designated nominators. This can be done at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> and must be completed no later than 15 April 2025. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators is available on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will only be considered final upon confirmation by the ESDC Secretariat and completion of the registration process by the nominated participant. Further detailed information about the course will be sent via email to the participants once the participant list is complete. Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent to the ESDC training manager at maria.penedos@eeas.europa.eu by the institution/ organisation that receives this invitation. The application must include the following details: the full name of the candidate, personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), sending institution, nationality, date of birth, passport number and its validity.
- **Attendance:** The attendance is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules.



- **E-Learning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning module (set to start on the 22 April), which should be finalised before the residential phase in Madrid.
- **Language:** The working language is English without translation.
- **Costs:** The sending authorities shall cover all costs for international travelling and accommodation.
- **Dress code:** Business casual.
- **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.
- **Additional info:** The course standard curriculum can be accessed from the ESDC website, <https://esdc.europa.eu/curricula/>
- **Points of contact:**
 - Course Director, Colonel Alfonso LORENZO TABOADA (taboada75@ea.mde.es)
 - ESDC Training Manager, Ms Maria PENEDOS (Maria.PENEDOS@eeas.europa.eu)



ANNEX B

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Mon. 09/06/2025	Tue. 10/06/2025	Wed. 11/06/2025	Thu. 12/06/2025	Fri. 13/06/2025
08:30-09:30 Registration, Welcome & Admin 09:30-09:55 Opening Address & Group Photo 09:55-10:10 ESDC Presentation 10:10-11:00 International Security Context 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break 11:30 -12:30 Introduction to CSDP	08:30-09:30 EU integrated approach 09:30-10:30 FIMI and Strategic Communication 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break 11:00-12:30 Panel CSDP Capability Development	08:30-09:00 Travel to Torrejón Air Force Base 09:00-10:30 Visit to 12th Combat Wing of the Air and Space Force 10:45-12:00 Visit to Space Command of the Air and Space Force 12:00-12:30 Return to CESEDEN	08:30-10:30 Panel CSDP Missions and Operations 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break 11:00-12:30 Transnational threats.	09:00-09:10 Overview of the day 09:10-10:50 Syndicates work outcome 10:50-11:00 Course wrap-up 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break 11:30-11:50 Closing Ceremony 11:50-12:00 Closing speech
Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:30 CSDP Institutional Framework 14:30-15:00 Introduction to Syndicates sessions 18:30 Ice breaking	13:30-14:30 UE Crisis Management Structures 14:30-16:00 EU relations with global actors 16:00-17:00 Syndicates working session I	13.30-14.30 Gender perspective. Women Peace and Security 14:30-15:30 Syndicates working session II	13.30-14.30 EU global strategy (Strategic Compass) 14:30-15:30 Future of CSDP 15:30-16:30 Syndicates working session III	