



Invitation to the ESDC course
" CSDP Orientation Course "
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Larnaca, Cyprus, 15 to 19 May 2023

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the Austrian National Defence Academy
under the auspices of
the European Security and Defence College

The Cyprus Security & Defence Academy (CSDA) and the Austrian National Defence Academy under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), have the honour and pleasure to organise the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course to be held in Larnaca, Cyprus, from 15th to 19th May 2023.

The CSDP Orientation Course 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 consists of an **eLearning part**, as well as a **residential session**, held in Larnaka, both parts being compulsory. Participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures, processes and activities. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP on MENA region.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the CSDP Orientation Course, which would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, able to work in CSDP related fields.



The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

Please find below details concerning the registration process, a tentative programme and the Hotel registration form.

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Annexes:

- **Administrative instructions**
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Annex 1

Course Administrative Instructions

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Course Administrative Instructions

- The course is open to:

Mid-ranking and senior civilian, military and police officials from EU Member States and MENA countries are currently employed in the field of Security and Defence.

Attendance is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those participants who have completed the entire course, including the e-learning session.
- Registration procedure:
 - Each nominator is kindly requested to nominate participants in order of priority.
 - Applications are to be submitted using the College's ENLIST platform. Confirmation of participation will not be final until provided by the ESDC Secretariat.
 - A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>
 - Applications from third countries should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, with marios.ioannou@eeas.europa.eu in cc, stating: the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing the course venue); personal email address (functional mailboxes cannot be accepted); institution; and the reason why the applicant would benefit from this course. Each third country is invited to propose up to two candidates with priority 1 and 2. More candidates may be proposed with priority 3, 4, etc., and the final selection will be made according to the available places. Confirmation of participation will not be final until provided by the ESDC Secretariat.
 - Registration will be open until 14 Apr 2023.
- Supporting services:
 - All administrative programmes and information materials will be made available to the accepted participants through the College's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

Republic of Cyprus

The Island of Cyprus is the third largest of the Mediterranean islands and is officially known as the Republic of Cyprus. Strategically placed at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, the island has had a turbulent history reflected in the architectural ruins, abandoned villages, ghost-towns and Nicosia, Europe's last remaining 'Divided City'. On the island, one encounters an exotic and exciting mix of east and west, reflected in the cultural traditions and lifestyle. Cyprus has been a full member of the EU since the 1st of May 2004 and adopted the Euro on the 1st of January 2008. It is noted that Cyprus has been divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to Protocol 10 to the Act of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, the application of the European Law (acquis) shall be suspended in those areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control. United Nations Security Council called upon all states to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and condemned all secessionist actions (resolution 550/1984). A negotiating process aiming at reaching a settlement of the Cyprus problem is currently underway.

Nicosia (Lefkosia) is the capital of Cyprus and is located roughly in the island's centre. Instead of the sea breeze, one can feel an air of sophistication and cultural diversity that reinforces its capacity as a European capital. With a rich history that can be traced back to the Bronze Age, Lefkosia only became the capital in the 11th century AD, and the Lusignans transformed it into a magnificent city with a royal palace and over fifty churches. Later in the 16th century, the Venetians gave it its trademark city walls, which completely encircle the Old City. The massive and architecturally impressive walls have a circumference of 4.5 Km, with 11 heart-shaped bastions and three gates to the city. The walls divide Lefkosia into the Old City within and the modern and continuously developing city outside the borders. Sadly, Lefkosia is still divided, with the demarcation of Green Line running right across the Old City from east to west. Crossing over from one side to the other is possible upon presenting an ID card or passport.

Larnaca, the host town of the meeting, is a city on the southern coast of Cyprus. It is the third-largest city in the country, after Nicosia and Limassol, with an urban population of 84,591 (2011). Larnaca is known for its palm-tree seafront, the Church of Saint Lazarus, the Hala Sultan Tekke, the Kamares Aqueduct and its medieval fort. It is built on the ruins of ancient Citium, the birthplace of the Stoic philosopher Zeno. Larnaca is home to the country's primary airport, Larnaca International Airport. It also has a (both passenger and cargo) seaport and a marina.

Cyprus Key Facts Quick View

Geographic Location: Eastern Mediterranean Island

Climate: Mediterranean

Local Time: GMT +2 (winter time)

Area: 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles)

Population: 1,207,000 (2020)

Capital city: Nicosia (Lefkosia/Lefkosa) (population: 244,000)

People: Greek Cypriots (78%), Turkish Cypriots (18%), Maronites, Latins (4%)

Languages: Greek, Turkish, English

Religions: Greek Orthodox (78%), Muslim (18%), Maronite, Armenian Apostolic, and other (4%)

Currency: Euro

Government: Republic (Presidential System) since 1960

Head of State: President Nicos CHRISTODOULIDES

Cyprus Airports/Ports

The **only legal points of entry and exit** to and from the territory of the Republic are the international airports of **Larnaca** and **Paphos** and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Paphos and Latchi. **Use of any other points of entry/exit operating without the authorisation of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is considered illegal under Article 12 of the Aliens and Immigration Law.**

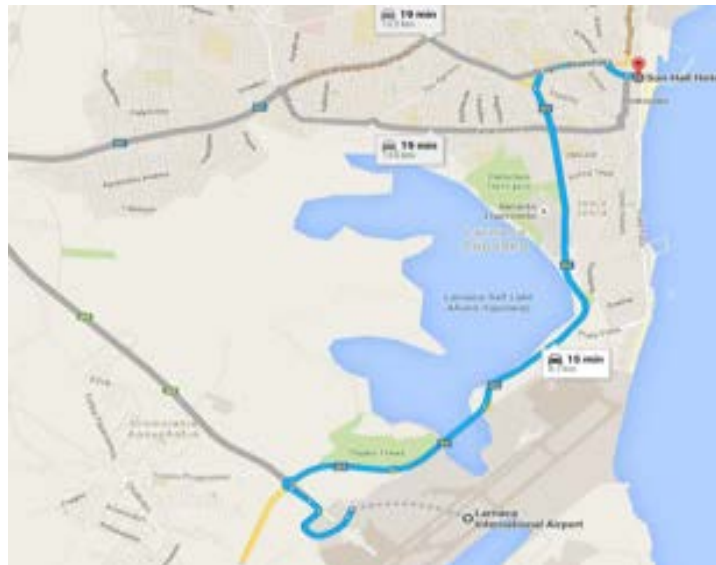
PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PFO) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Paphos International Airport is located on the island's west coast, just 9 miles east of the town of PAPHOS and 125 Km from Larnaca, the event's host city. PFO can be accessed from Larnaca by the A6 motorway.

LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCA) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Larnaca International Airport is Cyprus's main international airport and is 5km south of the town of LARNACA. A new terminal building opened in November 2009, serving 9 million passengers annually.

The distance from Larnaca International Airport to the Sun Hall Hotel is 8,7 Km and approximately 15 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes by bus (bus number 425, bus station Finikoudes)



Tourist Information

Information to tourists is provided by a tourist information office located in Departures, as well as by various airline information desks, which are located on the public concourse. Please visit the official site of the Cyprus Tourism Organization: www.visitcyprus.com.

Accommodation

The meeting, the seminar, and the accommodation will be held at **Sun Hall Hotel** in **Larnaca** (<https://www.sunhallhotel.com.cy/>). The Hotel was selected for its quality of services, conference facilities, proximity to Larnaca airport, an applicable low rate and location (it's located in the city centre). Attached you can find a hotel registration form which you must complete and send before the **10th of April 2023**, otherwise, there is no guarantee for availability and the following rates. The Ministry of Defence has a special arrangement with the hotel for the following services:



Room rates:

Single room on B&B **€110.00** per room per day

Double room B&B **€130.00** per room per day

Check-in time: 14:00

Check-out time: 12:00

Any other special arrangements could be made directly with the hotel (early check-in, late check-out)

Room Reservation:

Participants should make their reservation directly to the hotel reservation department by sending the **Registration form for the CSDP Orientation Course (annex 3)** to the email: info@sunhallhotel.com.cy or by fax to the number **+35724652717**.

Internet Access: Free WIFI will be provided on all hotel premises.

Arrival in Cyprus

- Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to one of the legal points of entry of the Republic of Cyprus [LARNAKA International Airport (**highly recommended**) or PAPHOS Airport].
- You can reach the Sun Hotel by taxi (15 euros) or bus no. 425 (bus stop: FINIKOUEDES).
- For those arriving /departing from Paphos Airport, they can use either Taxi, which will cost about 100 euros (1 hour and 25 minutes – 125 Km) or KAPNOS Airport Bus Shuttle, which will cost about 15euroso (2 hours). For further information, see below transport in Cyprus.

Meals - Coffee Breaks

- We will host an Ice Breaker Reception on Monday, 15 May 2023
- In case you book your guests on B/B basis, a special price for **Light Lunch Buffet** has been set at the cost of **€15.00** per person per day, and it will be paid directly to the hotel upon arrival.
- During the Coffee Breaks, we will be offered coffee and snacks.
- A hosted Dinner by CY MoD will take place on 18 May 2023

Transport in Cyprus

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses are the only means of public transport in Cyprus. There are no metros or trains.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FROM PAPHOS AIRPORT TO LARNACA AIRPORT VIA LIMASSOL

KAPNOS AIRPORT SHUTTLE provides a “Shuttle” service between Paphos International Airport and Larnaca International Airport at €15 per person. Please note that if you choose this way to travel, you should take the bus or a taxi for the rest of the route up to the hotel. For more details, visit the link <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> or call Tel.: +357 24 00 87 18.

URBAN BUSES

Urban buses link different areas within the respective cities and frequently operate during the day. Each town has its own bus company. **The cost of tickets is One way €1.50, daily €5.00, and night €2.50. Daily tickets are valid until 21:00 each day. From 21:00 and after, passengers should issue the night ticket.**

TRANSURBAN/INTERCITY BUSES

Intercity Buses Co Ltd provides public bus transport between towns. For exact timetables, contact:

INTERCITY BUSES Co Ltd., Tel.: 23 81 90 90, www.intercity.buses.com

URBAN TAXIS

Urban taxis are available 24 hours a day in all towns. They can be booked by phone or hired on the street.

Additionally, you can ask for a taxi at your hotel reception desk.

Taximeters are installed in all urban taxis, and charging starts as soon as you get into the car.

HIRED CARS

Self-drive car rental firms have offices in all towns and at Larnaca International Airport.

To be permitted to drive in Cyprus, you must hold a valid national or international driving license, provided it is suitable for the class of vehicle you wish to go. **CAUTION: Traffic moves on the left-hand side of the road, NOT on the right.**

Due to the sometimes-intense brightness of the clear Mediterranean sky, drivers are advised to wear sunglasses.

Maps of Cyprus

To see Cyprus and City maps, please click [here](#).



**SUN HALL HOTEL
RESERVATION FORM**

**CSDP Orientation Course focus on MENA Region
15-19 May 2023, Larnaca - Cyprus**

BOOKING DETAILS:

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Day: _____ Number of Nights: _____
Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Please indicate type of room required (rate is per room, per night, on Bed and Breakfast, inclusive of all Taxes, VAT)

Single room on Bed & Breakfast €110.00 per room per day
 Double room on Bed & Breakfast €130.00 per room per day (shared with): _____

For additional nights before or after the even the same rates as above will apply.

Light Lunch Buffet €15.00 per person per day (including one local drink) (mandatory)

PERSONAL DETAILS:

TITLE: _____
FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
INSTITUTION: _____
CITY: _____ COUNTRY: _____
MOBILE: _____ FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Card Type (Visa/Amex/Master/Diners/Other): _____ Expire Date: _____
Card Number: _____ Name on Card: _____

Check-out time is 12:00, but if anyone requires late check out (upon availability), the following extra charges will apply:

Late Check out until 14:00: Free of charge – Subject to availability

Late Check out until 16:00: 30.00 Euros Late Check out until 18:00: 50.00 Euros

FREE Wi-Fi INTERNET ACCESS IN ALL HOTEL PERMISES

Hotel accommodation is to be paid directly at the hotel upon arrival. Your credit card details are required as a deposit guarantee
The one-night deposit will not be drawn from your credit card unless the reservation has been cancelled in up to 3 days before arrival. Cancellations must be sent in writing. For not show, the hotel will charge one overnight.

RELEASE DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Please note that the above rates applied for all bookings made before **10th APRIL 2023**. After this date no room availability can be guaranteed and higher rates might be applied for ANY bookings made.

Date: _____ Signature _____

Please return the completed and signed form to the email: info@sunhallhotel.com.cy or fax +35724652717
and (cc) to apatsalides@mod.gov.cy before **10th APRIL 2023**.