



European Security and Geo-economics

European Perspectives on Political Responsibility and Economic Autonomy

Brussels, 27- 30 November 2023

Invitation

(Training Activity Number 23-24/PILOT/6)

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war against Ukraine, the European Union is facing serious challenges in international politics as well as strong turbulences in geo-economics. In this regard, this course aims to illustrate the interdependency between European security and geo-economics. In particular, the main aim of the course is:

- to understand geo-economics as a horizontal feature and part of every issue in foreign, security and defence policy;
- to examine how economic instruments can be used to pursue overall strategic interests, in particular between great powers; and
- to understand how the EU can practice geo-economics while staying true to its values and interests.

We would like to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this training activity, which will be an excellent opportunity for participants to gain an insight into the interlinking relationship between security and economics.

The ESDC is committed to promoting 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 applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

Please find attached information on how to register and a provisional programme.
The course will be open to all EU Member States and EU institutions.

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Administrative Information

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- **Target Group:** the course is open to both civilian and military (mid-level) personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, and CSDP missions and operations, who either are or will be involved in work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) matters. Candidates should have a special interest in financial and economic issues. The course is particularly intended for personnel working at the interface of security, defence and external relations (including trade, investment and enlargement).
- **Nomination:** all EU Member States, institutions and agencies may nominate one (1) participant each. The total number of participants is limited to 25 persons.
- **Application:** applications from the EU Member States, institutions and agencies are to be submitted by designated nominators via the ESDC secure internet system, ENLIST, at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>. A list of the relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- **Registration & deadline:** the registration period will end on **5 October 2023**. Registration will not be final until it is confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND the ENLIST registration form has been completed by the nominated participant.
- **Language:** the working languages will be English and French, without interpretation.
- **Attendance:** attendance during the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who have completed the full course.
- **Course venue:** the course will take place at the **Club Prince Albert** (Rue des Petits Carmes/Karmelietenstraat 20, 1000 Brussels, Belgium; <https://sites.google.com/view/prinsalbertclub/homepage>, Tel: +32 2 2680595).
- **Costs:** all costs relating to travel and accommodation (including breakfasts, lunches and one dinner) are to be covered by the sending authorities.



- **Hotel:** you have to make your own booking in a hotel of your choice.
- **Meals:** on Monday evening, there will be an ice-breaker, and on Wednesday evening, there will be a farewell dinner. Coffee breaks will be hosted by the ESDC. For lunches, please find an individual option in the vicinity of the course venue.
- **Dress code:** for military: day uniform with jacket and tie; for civilians: business casual. For the photo and the presentation of certificates: business suit.
- **Equal opportunities:** the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is committed to promoting an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. The ESDC and the training institutions welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of age, gender, ethnic or social origin, disability, religion or belief. The ESDC and the training institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Liability and insurance:** in the event of medical emergencies, the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation must cover all related costs. The organisers do not provide health or accident insurance for course participants.
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