

Invitation

to the

FOREIGN INFORMATION MANIPULATION AND INTERFERENCE COURSE

The European Security and Defence College, in partnership with Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy, has the honour of organising and inviting participants to a course on **Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI)**. The course will take place from 9 to 12 December 2025, in residential format, in Brussels.

The course will approach issues regarding the EU strategic environment, the multi-layered threats against the EU, emerging technologies employed in information warfare, the EU's integrated approach to situational awareness, resilience, response and cooperation against FIMI, and key FIMI actors and priority regions. It will include an analysis of the practitioners' toolkit for managing the information security ecosystem, and practical sessions intended to develop participants' ability to detect and respond appropriately to FIMI events.

The course is open to **Member State representatives** designated through national points of contact.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

The goal of the **Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference** course is to foster an understanding of the FIMI framework, modus operandi and appropriate response measures so as to help develop societal resilience to such actions and consolidate European democracies.

We kindly invite Member State representatives to enrol in the course, using the relevant lines of communication.

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Annex A

Administrative information

09 to 12 December 2025
(Activity Number 25-26/76/1)

- **Target group:** Member State representatives.
- **Places and nominations:** 30 places will be available for participants.
- **Applications from Member State representatives** should be submitted via **national ESDC points of contact**.
- **Applications** should be submitted **no later than 28 October**.
- **Attendance:** participants' attendance is **mandatory** on all days of the course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the entire course, including the e-learning modules. This course will not be offered in a hybrid format.
- **Language:** the working language will be English, without interpretation.
- **Costs for Member State representatives:** costs are to be covered by the Member States.
- **Gender equality:** the ESDC strives for 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 runs counter to these values.
- **Dress code:** formal for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liability and insurance:** in medical emergencies, the costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants taking part in the event.
- **Arrival/Departure:** The course will start on Tuesday 09 December (09:00) and end on Friday 12 December (14:00). It is recommended that participants travel to Brussels on Monday 08 December.
- **Additional info:** further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via email directly to the course participants in due time.
- **Points of contact:**
 - Course director, Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy:
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 - Training manager from the ESDC Secretariat:
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Annex B

FOREIGN INFORMATION MANIPULATION AND INTERFERENCE DRAFT SCHEDULE

DAY 1 09.12.2025	
09:00-09:30	Introductory remarks
09:30-10:45	Introducing Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference The EU integrated approach to FIMI – perspectives and priorities of the EEAS
10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:30	Introducing Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference Actors, Behaviours, Content
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:00	Understanding the psychological and cognitive aspects of FIMI
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	Practical exercise
18.00-22.00	Official dinner
DAY 2 10.12.2025	
09:00-10:00	NATO policy on countering information threats and boosting public engagement and awareness
10:00-11:00	NATO data analysis framework and methodologies
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:30	Best practices in countering FIMI – Viginum, the French example
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:30	The role of intelligence in detecting FIMI
14:30-15:30	Case study 1
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	Practical exercise
DAY 3 11.12.2025	
09:00-10:00	Cybersecurity and Foreign Interference in the EU Information Ecosystem
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:30	Cyberthreat assessment
11:30-11:45	Coffee break

11:45-13:00	The role of AI in FIMI
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Case study 2
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	Practical exercise
DAY 4 12.12.2025	
09:00-10:30	Building societal resilience to FIMI
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:15	Exercise presentations and evaluation
12:15-13:00	Concluding remarks Feedback session Way forward
13:00-14:00	Lunch break