



INVITATION

Climate Change and Security Course

(Activity Number 24-25/52/2)

Sofia, Bulgaria, from 1 – 4 April 2025

The **Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE)** in cooperation with the **Diplomatic Institute** to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria has the honour to organise, under the auspices of the **European Security and Defence College (ESDC)**, the **ESDC Climate Change and Security Course**, from 1 to 4 April 2025 at the CMDR COE' premises in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The course aims at enhancing awareness of climate change security implications through the acquisition of basic knowledge related to global warming as a phenomenon and a security threat multiplier, the main factors that affect the environment and the impact of climate change on international peace and security in the short, medium and long term.

We cordially invite you to nominate suitable participants for the ESDC Climate Change and Security Course.

Please find attached the administrative instructions and the tentative schedules for your information.

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Administrative Instructions

Target group: The course is open to mid-to-senior level decision makers and/or experts (civilians and military) from EU Member States, relevant EU Institutions and Agencies and third states. Priority will be given to experts who currently work on or who will take part in climate change mainstreaming policy development and implementation at national and/or EU level, personnel involved in civil protection, disaster management, humanitarian assistance, capacity building and education and training experts, faculty advisers, professors, consultants and analysts.

Applications: Applications from the EU MS and institutions are to be filed via the ESDC secure registration system ENLIST by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than **14 February 2024**. A list with the relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants.

Applications **from persons in non-EU Member States** should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at the SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing the course venue), the personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), the institution, the reason stating how this course will benefit the applicant.

Language: The language regime is English, without interpretation.

Attendance: Participants' attendance is mandatory on all days during the course. On the last day, a certificate will be awarded to those 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 phase, set to start on **20 March 2025** on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS, which needs to be finalised before the beginning of the residential phase in Sofia, Bulgaria on **Tuesday, 1 April 2025**.

Residential part: The residential part of the course will take place in the CMDR COE's premises at: 34A Totleben Blvd., Shipka hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria (details and directions are available on the CMDR COE's website <https://www.cmdrcoe.org>). The topics during the residential module will be explored interactively, in sessions followed by a Q&A, as well as during panel discussions and teamwork sessions.



Registration: On Tuesday 1 April 2025, participants are expected at Shipka hotel between 8.15 and 8.45 (CET) for registration and the welcome package. Participants will receive a course badge and will be requested to wear the badge during the course. The opening of the course is planned for 09.00.

Costs: All costs for international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering during the course will be covered by the sending authorities. There are no course fees. Participants are recommended to arrive in Sofia (Bulgaria) at the latest on **Monday, 31 March 2025**. Participants should make their own arrangements for travel, accommodation and meals. Although the arrangements are their personal responsibility, CMDR COE may be able to support participants' accommodation at the Shipka hotel – <http://www.hotel-shipka.com/> or at the Astoria hotel <https://www.astoriagrandhotel.bg/>. Please note that transportation to/from the course venue will not be provided.

Dress code: Business attire for both civilians and military personnel.

Liabilities and Insurance: In case of medical emergencies, the costs should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country / organisations. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurances for participants taking part in the event.

Given the previous COVID-19 situation and possible imposition of further restrictions on public events in the coming months, the organisation of the course in a residential format might not be possible. In that case, the course will be organised in a virtual format, remotely.

Registration is not final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat (latest by 14 February 2025). Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmatory message.

Further information: Training will be carried out under the supervision and support of the ESDC, using the approved ESDC Curriculum for the Climate Change and Security Course, which can be accessed on the ESDC website: <https://esdc.europa.eu/curricula/>. Additional information such as the course programme, directions and other relevant information will be provided in due time to confirmed participants.

Points of contact:

For any issue concerning the application, registration, or nomination processes, please contact:

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Tentative programme

Climate Change and Security Course 01-04 April 2025, Sofia; CET/ EET (Bulgarian time)

Tuesday 01/04/2025	Wednesday 02/04/2025	Thursday 03/04/2025	Friday 04/04/2025
<p>09.00-09.40/ 10.00-10.40 Opening and administrative remarks. Introduction of ESDC, CMDR COE and Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute</p> <p>09.40-10.10/ 10.40-11.10 Coffee Break /Group Photo</p> <p>10.10-11.10/ 11.10-12.10 Climate Change - Main characteristics</p> <p>11.10-12.00/ 12.10-13.00 Mainstreaming Climate Change in the EU's Integrated Approach</p> <p>12.00-13.30/ 13.00-14.30 Lunch Break (not hosted)</p> <p>13.30-14.30/ 14.30-15.30 European Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Operations. EU Civil Protection Mechanism</p> <p>14.30-14.40/15.30-15.40 Coffee Break</p> <p>14.40 -16.00/ 15.40-17.00 Climate Change Geopolitics</p> <p>17.00-18.30 Ice breaker – CMDRCOE</p>	<p>08.00-10.10/ 09.00-09.10 Overview of the day</p> <p>08.10-09.10/ 09.10-10.10 Climate Change as a Threat Multiplier - a risk based approach</p> <p>09.10- 09.40/ 10.10-10.40 Coffee Break</p> <p>09.30-10.40/ 10.40-11.40 Global Scenarios and their Impact on the Security</p> <p>10.40-10.50/ 11.40-11.50 Break</p> <p>10.50-11.50/ 11.50 – 12.50 Understanding Human Behaviour and Societal Responses: psychological perspective to enhance resilience</p> <p>11.50-13.20/ 12.50-14.20 Lunch Break (not hosted)</p> <p>13.20-14.20/ 14.20-15.20 Climate Security Game/Table top exercise</p> <p>14.20-14.50/ 15.20-15.50 Coffee Break</p> <p>14.50-15.30/ 15.50-16.30 Climate Security Game /Table top exercise</p>	<p>08.00-10.10/ 09.00-09.10 Overview of the day</p> <p>08.10-09.10/ 09.10-10.10 Military Considerations on Climate Change Impacts.</p> <p>09.10- 09.40/ 10.10-10.40 Coffee Break</p> <p>09.30-10.40/ 10.40-11.40 Climate Change and Business Continuity Management: Building Resilient Organizations in a Changing World</p> <p>10.40-10.50/ 11.40-11.50 Break</p> <p>10.50-11.50/ 11.50 – 12.50 Climate Security Game /Table top exercise</p> <p>11.50-13.20/ 12.50-13.20 Lunch Break (not hosted)</p> <p>13.20-14.20/ 14.20-15.20 Climate Security Game /Table top exercise</p> <p>14.20-14.50/ 15.20-15.50 Coffee Break</p> <p>14.50-15.30/ 15.50-16.30 Climate Security Game /Table top exercise</p>	<p>08.00-10.10/ 09.00-09.10 Overview of the day</p> <p>08.10-09.30/ 09.10-10.30 "EU climate, security and defence training platform"</p> <p>"Building integrity in Climate change and security"</p> <p>09.30-10.00/ 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break</p> <p>10.00-11.00/ 11.00-12.00 Review and discussions. Student Feedback</p> <p>11.00-11.30/ 12.00-12.30 Closing remarks Certificates</p>