



**CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RESPONSE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

Invitation to the Climate Change and Security Course

(Activity Number 22-23/52/2) Sofia, 28 to 31 March 2023

The Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE) is organising a course on *Climate Change and Security*, at CMDR COE premises (Sofia, Bulgaria) from 28 to 31 March 2023. This course is being organised in cooperation with the Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

The course will enhance 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 which affect the environment, and the impact of climate change on international peace and security in the short, medium and long term.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to this ‘Climate change and security’ course. You will find all the details of the registration process for this course overleaf.

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CMDR COE Director

Annexes:

- Administrative instructions
- Tentative programme

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Administrative Instructions

- 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 from the EU MS and institutions are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC-secured registration system <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than **1 March 2023**. A list with the relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- 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.
- The course consists of an eLearning part on the eLearning platform of the ESDC and a residential part, both parts being compulsory. The eLearning session will be available with effect from **6 March 2023**. The topics during the residential module will be explored interactively, in sessions followed by a Q&A, as well as during panel discussions and team work sessions.
- The residential module of the course will be hosted at the CMDR COE Premises, 34A Totleben Blvd., Shipka hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria (details and directions are available on the CMDR COE's website <https://www.cmdrcoe.org>)
- On Tuesday 28 March 2023, participants are expected at Shipka hotel between 8.15 and 8.45 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 9.00.
- All costs for international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering during the course will be covered by the sending authorities. Participants are recommended to arrive in Sofia (Bulgaria) at the latest on Monday, 27 March 2023. 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.
- The dress code is business attire for both civilians and military personnel.
- 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.



- Further detailed information on this course will be forwarded via email directly to course participants as soon as the attendance list is confirmed.
- POC: for any issue concerning the application, registration, or nomination processes, please contact:
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