



Invitation to the ESDC course on

Protection of intangible cultural heritage

in armed conflict and the post-conflict period

26-29 June 2024, Gdynia, Poland

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The Polish Naval Academy (AMW) and the Cyprus Security and Defence Academy (CSDA) under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), have the honour of organising the course on ***Protection of intangible heritage in armed conflict and the post-conflict period***. The activity is scheduled to be held in Gdynia, Poland, from Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 of June 2024.

The intangible heritage has a major impact on local society resilience to current and future conventional and hybrid conflicts. The course aims to present the connection of the intangible heritage with social resilience during crises, armed conflict and in post-conflict regions, and to provide the personnel of EU institutions, relevant bodies and Member States involved in crisis and conflict prevention and management, and post-conflict stabilisation and recovery activities, with knowledge about the need to protect intangible heritage.

We would therefore like to invite you to nominate participants for the course, which would offer them an excellent opportunity to strengthen cooperation with a wide range of EU stakeholders on contributing to achieving the ultimate goal of the course; this is to provide Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel and a community of specialists, practitioners and scientists who can develop good practices on intangible heritage protection and transfer them within the EU.

The course is open to personnel working in conflict prevention, conflict management and post-conflict recovery and stabilisation contexts relating to the protection of cultural heritage at an operational level. Owing to the integrated, holistic approach on protection of cultural property, participants may be civilian, diplomats, senior-ranking military or police officers and border guard staff.

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 who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

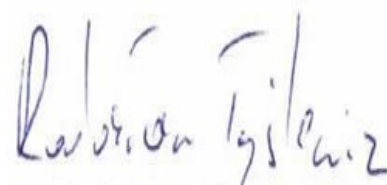
Please find attached details concerning the registration process, a tentative programme and the hotel registration form. There are only 24 places for participants in the course.



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Annexes

Annex A: Administrative instructions

Annex B: Programme