



‘From Conflict Analysis to Integrated Action: Generating Strategies for Intervention’

**Hosted by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention,
Maynooth University, Ireland
27 to 31 March 2023**

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to nominate candidates for participation in the **‘From Conflict Analysis to Integrated Action: generating strategies for intervention’ course** to be held at Maynooth University from 27 to 31 March 2023.

The programme will be taught by staff from Maynooth University’s Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention (Ireland) and the ZIF Centre for Peace Operations (Germany), along with guest lecturers, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College and with support from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of Defence.

The course aims to deepen participants’ understanding of the nature of complex conflicts, and to provide them with the critical skills to effectively analyse conflict dynamics and identify and assess realistic responses. This course provides CFSP/CSDP personnel working in crisis situations with the necessary conceptual frameworks and analytical skills to respond to such situations and to develop integrated approaches to conflict prevention and crisis management.

The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from the EEAS, EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies, CSDP missions/operations staff, candidate states and selected third countries.

The course has been designed in collaboration with the EEAS, as well as other significant EU actors, to assist decision makers and practitioners from a variety of backgrounds (including security, diplomacy, development and humanitarian aid) in the design of integrated responses to crisis situations. The course is practitioner-focused and highly

interactive, merging theory with practice and focusing on the development of credible analytical skills in the participants.

I trust your nominated participants will benefit greatly from this course and acquire a sound understanding of this important CSDP professional competency, while availing of an excellent opportunity to enhance professional relationships.



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Fact sheet

- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from the EEAS, EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies, candidate states and third countries, all of whom invited to nominate participants. The United Nations Department for Peace Operations is also invited to nominate participants.
- The course venue for the week will be Maynooth University, located on the outskirts of Dublin city and a short distance from Dublin Airport.
- The language of the course will be English.
- Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the course. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-learning phase prior to the programme.
- All costs for course participation are to be covered by the sending authorities.
- Applications are to be submitted via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://esdc-enlist.consilium.europa.eu>) by designated nominators **no later than 24 February**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- The course will start with the online (e-learning) pre-course phase. The classroom tuition part of the course will take place from 27 to 31 March 2023 (Monday at 13.00 to Friday at 13.00). There will be tuition and individual effort each day, comprising both plenary sessions and work in small groups.

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| Individual / Group asynchronous learning: | 5 hours |
| Live/Synchronous learning in plenary/small groups | 25 hours |
| Total | 30 hours |

- A course reception will be held on Monday evening (27 March) and a course dinner will be held in Pugin Hall, Maynooth University, on Thursday evening (30 March).
- See below for the programme learning outcomes and draft programme. A detailed final programme will be issued to participants.

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Programme learning outcomes

Knowledge

- Identify the key elements of the EU's approach to conflict analysis as part of the EU integrated approach to conflicts and crises
- Explain the critical importance of concepts such as preparedness, conflict sensitivity and conflict prevention as part of peace building
 - Recognise, through a conflict-sensitive approach, critical insights into the complexity of modern conflicts and the challenges and risks around EU decision-making, planning and action, including CSDP interventions
 - Define the key factors causing conflict and the complex dynamics which drive and sustain modern conflicts
 - Identify the main elements and key principles which underpin conflict analysis
- Discuss different conflict analysis frameworks

Skills

- Apply conflict analysis frameworks and tools to identify key actors and problems
- Apply relevant conflict analysis frameworks to support appropriate decision-making in fragile and conflict-affected regions
- Apply conflict analysis tools to real-world conflict contexts (stakeholder analysis, relationship mapping, positions/interests/needs analysis)
- Analyse potential intervention challenges, including the impact of personal values, demonstrating an understanding of conflict sensitivity and the 'do no harm' principle in CSDP missions
- Integrate gender analysis and human rights-based approaches into conflict analysis and the design of interventions
- Develop critical teamwork skills for interagency operations in complex environments

Competencies

- Assess the complexity of conflict situations and the risks posed by third-party interventions in fragile and conflict-affected regions
- Demonstrate the critical role of conflict analysis and a conflict prevention lens in CSDP missions
- Demonstrate an ability to undertake conflict analysis and to integrate conflict-sensitive approaches in the design of priority interventions and potential actions
- Plan, carry out and utilise conflict analysis taking into account existing resources, capacities and expertise within the EEAS and the Commission
- Demonstrate how to design interventions in a way that is informed by conflict analysis in order to maximise their impact and ensure that they do not cause harm

Course Programme (Draft)

| Day 1 Mon. 27 March | Day 2 Tues. 28 March | Day 3 Wed. 29 March | Day 4 Thurs. 30 March | Day 5 Fri. 31 March |
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| | Conflict sensitivity Group task 2: Stakeholder analysis and mapping | Civil – Military perspectives in conflict analysis Group task 4: Conflict dynamics | Power analysis in conflict contexts Designing an integrated response. Group task 6: Designing an intervention | Group presentation on proposed interventions Course evaluation Presentation of certificates |
| Registration | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| Welcome and introductions EU CSDP and the integrated approach Conflict analysis in the CSDP Conflict analysis tools and methodologies Group task 1: Analysis of causes of conflict | Culture, identity and values in conflict contexts Group task 3: Analysis of positions/interests/needs | Gender sensitivity in conflict analysis Strategic action matrix Group task 5: Identifying and assessing entry points | Group task 7: Designing an intervention (continued). | |
| Welcome reception | | | Course dinner | |