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Invitation to the ESDC/EDA European Armaments Co-operation (EAC) Course

EAC Awareness Level
(Activity Number 21-22/25/1)
Brussels, 11 – 13 October 2021

EAC Expert Level
(Activity Number 21-22/25/2)
Rome, 8 – 12 November 2021

In the framework of the European Security and Defence College, the European Defence Agency and the Austrian Ministry of Defence are pleased to invite delegates to the **two modules** of the **European Armaments Cooperation Course** for **2021**.

The aim of the **European Armament Cooperation (EAC) Course** is to enhance mutual understanding in armament cooperation by critical analysis of the armaments sector; identifying the frameworks, stakeholder's tools and processes, understanding the challenges at stake and benefits at EU level. The Course will deliver commonly educated EAC managers who are able to participate efficiently in international armament cooperation projects, predominantly in the CSDP-context.

The course is aimed at personnel working in related posts to national and international armament cooperation, who need to gain knowledge and experience in multilateral project management and acquisition processes. In addition, the course supports experts, able to perform in future leadership positions in the wider defence area.

The **European Armament Co-operation Course** is structured in two consecutive modules: a three-day residential **Awareness Level Course** running over the period 11 - 13 October 2021 at the **European Defence Agency** (EDA) in Brussels, and a five-day residential **Expert Level Course** conducted over the period 8 – 12 November 2021 at the Italian NAD headquarter located at the military airport in Centocelle (ROME), supported by the Ministry of Defence of Italy.

Additionally, modules of the Internet Distance Learning (IDL) of the ESDC are prerequisites for attending the EAC course.

We are therefore very pleased to invite you to this ESDC training activity in support of the Common Security and Defence Policy. For further information, please refer to the outline curriculum and the administrative details in the annexes or contact the ESDC EDA EAC Course Director, Col Alois Preineder, Austrian Ministry of Defence.

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Administrative Details

European Armament Co-operation (EAC) Course 2021 - EAC Awareness Level - ESDC Activity number 21-22/25/1

Sending Parties

- The **European Armament Co-operation (EAC) Course** is open to participants from all EU Member States, participating Member States of the EDA (incl. Norway, Switzerland and Serbia), candidate countries, relevant EU institutions and agencies.
- Participation by course participants from candidate countries is subject to the existence of a **security agreement and an administrative arrangement with EDA** at the time when the course starts.
- For all participants, an EU Security Clearance "**Restraint UE**" is mandatory. This document has to be presented at the first day of the course.

Modalities

- The maximum size of the course will be limited to 35 participants.
- The course will be preceded by a mandatory Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) preparatory module (AKU 1 CSDP History, AKU 2 Global Strategy, AKU 4 Crisis management structures and chain of command, AKU 15 Armaments Cooperation and AKU 21 Intercultural awareness) starting on 20 September 2021. The residential part of the course will take place in Brussels from 11 to 13 October 2021. **The IDL phase needs to be completed by 30 September 2021 COB.**
- Participant's attendance at the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the IDL phase. (s. u. "Certificate of Attendance").

Registration of participants

- EU Member States, EU institutions and relevant agencies are invited to identify their appropriate candidates via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST by their designated nominators. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators>. Confirmation of participation will not be final until provided by the ESDC Secretariat.
- Other invited parties are expected to **send the full name and the E-mail address** of their candidates to the **ESDC Secretariat** under secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu in order of priority. **The registration period will end on 6 September 2021.**
- Selection of the course participants is the responsibility of the organizers.

Support

- Communication between participants, the organizers and the ESDC secretariat will make use of email and internet.
- Sending authorities will bear all costs related to the participation to the course, including accommodation, food and travel expenses.

Languages

The language regime of the CSDP will apply (English and French without translation).

Certificate of Attendance

- Availability will be considered an explicit selection criterion: each participant should be able to complete all residential modules of the course and the Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) parts.
- A certificate of attendance signed by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy will be awarded to the participants according to the agreed modalities (Modalities of the ESDC Certificate/Doc:SC/2009/022 as of 31 August 2009).

Course venue

The course venue for all three days will be the **European Defence Agency** (Rue des Drapiers 17-23, B-1050 Belgium).

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