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.

Brussels and Vienna, 01 June 2021

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Administrative Details
European Armament Co-operation (EAC) Course 2021
- EAC Expert 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 40 participants.
- The course will be preceded by the European Armament Co-operation Course – Awareness Level. The residential part of the course will take place in Rome from 08 to 12 November 2021.
- Participant's attendance at the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate of attendance signed by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy will be awarded on the last day of the course.

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 15 October 2021.**

- Selection of the course participants lies in 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).

Course venue

The course will be hosted by the Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic jointly with ESDC, EDA and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Austria.

The course venue for all five days will be the **Italian NAD headquarter** (*Guidoni's palace, via di Centocelle, 301 Rome military airport premises*).

Accommodation

Accommodation at **Hotel Casa dell`Aviatore** is available for course participants at a rate, *65EUR (single) and 75EUR (double)* per room. The room rates include breakfast and taxes are 3.5EUR per person for city tax.

Course participants are kindly requested to confirm booking of a room by **22 October 2021 COB,** using the attached "*Casa dell`Aviatore booking form*".

Contact details of Hotel Casa dell`Aviatore:

Lt. Col. Luca PARMEGGIANI
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Costs

Invitations by the Italian Ministry of Defence:

- Coffee breaks and lunches within the programme,
- Icebreaker Reception,
- Official Dinner;

All other costs outside of the programme are at course participants' expenses.

Transportation

Transportation for the participants will be provided by bus from the hotel to the course venue and back. On the first day of the course, the bus will departure from the hotel to the course venue at 07.30.

Dress Code

Dress code will be civilian business attire.

Points of Contacts

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Casa dell'Aviatore

European Armament Course
2021, November 8-12

SURNAME:	**NAME:**
NAME OF ORGANIZATION:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	**ZIP CODE:**
PHONE:	**COUNTRY:**
EMAIL:	

ARRIVAL DATE:		**DEPARTURE DATE:**
SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME:		
NOTE:		
ROOM TYPE:	**Single Room** ☐ *€ 62,00/per day*	**Double Room** ☐ *€ 75,00/per day*
Non smoking room - Breakfast included – VAT included *city tax: EUR 3,50/per person per day, to be paid extra.* *Check in time: from 12:00 h - Check out time: until 10:00 h*		

DATE:	**SIGNATURE:**

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