



Invitation to the ESDC course

"Integration of a Gender Perspective in CSDP"

(Activity number 22-23/41/1)

Larnaca, Cyprus, 28 to 30 September 2022

organised by

the Cyprus Security & Defence Academy of the Ministry of Defence

and

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus

with the support of

the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration

under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College

The Cyprus Security & Defence Academy (CSDA) of the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, with the support of the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration (CAPA) under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) have the honour and pleasure to organize the Course entitled "Integration of a Gender Perspective in UN and CSDP Missions and Operations", to be held in Larnaca, Cyprus, from 28th to 30th September 2022.

The aim of the course is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge, tools and skills to integrate a gender perspective to their day to day work. More specifically, by the end of the course the participants are expected to be able to apply gender perspective in the area of UN and CSDP Missions and Operations. It consists of an e-learning part, as well as a residential part held in Larnaca, both parts being compulsory. Participants will have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with colleagues and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

This course is also part of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus pledge in the last UN Peace Keeping Ministerial Meeting (Dec 2021, Seoul) for supporting actions for Peace Keeping Plus (A4P+) aiming to provide also UN personnel with the necessary knowledge, tools and skills to integrate a gender perspective to their day to day work.

An updated program (annex 1) will be circulated in short time. This invitation serves as a save the date and initial express of interest for participation through the ENLIST Nominators.

We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this ESDC training activity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cat'.

Christoforos Christoforou
Course Director

Annexes

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Annex 1

European Security and Defence College (ESDC)

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PROGRAMME

(Draft v.3)

Larnaca, 28 – 30 September 2022

Cyprus Security and Defence Academy, Nicosia

Course Venue:

SUNHALL Hotel, Larnaca

Course Director

Major Christoforos Christoforou

Tuesday, 27 September 2022	
All Day	Arrival of participants
Wednesday, 28 September 2022	
08:30 – 17:00	Integration of a Gender Perspective in Missions and Operations
18:00 – 20:00	Ice Break Reception
Thursday, 29 September 2022	
08:30 – 17:00	Integration of a Gender Perspective in Missions and Operations
17:00 – 22:00	Cultural Visit - Official Dinner
Friday, 30 September 2022	
08:30 – 13:00	Integration of a Gender Perspective in Missions and Operations
15:00 -	Departure of participants
Saturday, 01 October 2022	
All Day	Departure of participants



Annex 2

Course Administrative Instructions

**Integration of a Gender Perspective in UN and
CSDP Missions and Operations**

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Course Administrative Instructions

- The course is open to:
 - Mid-ranking and senior civilian, military and police officials from EU Member States currently employed in the field of Security and Defence.
- Attendance is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those participants who have completed the full course, including the e-learning session.
- Registration procedure:
 - Each nominator is kindly requested to nominate participants, in order of priority.
 - Applications are to be submitted using the College's ENLIST platform. Confirmation of participation will not be final until provided by the ESDC Secretariat.
 - A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>
 - Applications from third countries should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, with Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu in cc, stating: full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing the course venue); personal email address (functional mailboxes cannot be accepted); institution; and reason why the applicant would benefit from this course. Each third country is invited to propose up to two candidates with priority 1 and 2. More candidates may be proposed with priority 3, 4, etc., and the final selection will be made according to the availability of places. Confirmation of participation will not be final until provided by the ESDC Secretariat.
 - Registration will be open until 14 September 2022.
- Depending on the epidemiological situation in Cyprus during the course, appropriate COVID measures will be taken in coordination with the Cypriot authorities.
- Supporting services:
 - All administrative programs and information materials will be made available to the accepted participants through the College's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

Republic of Cyprus

The Island of Cyprus is the third largest of the Mediterranean islands and officially known as the Republic of Cyprus. Strategically placed at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, the island has had a very turbulent history which is reflected in the architectural ruins, abandoned villages, ghost-towns and Nicosia, Europe's last remaining 'Divided City'. In the island, one encounters an exotic and exciting mix of east and west which is reflected in the cultural traditions and lifestyle. Cyprus has been a full member of the EU since the 1st of May 2004 and adopted the Euro on the 1st of January 2008. It is noted that Cyprus has been divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion. According to Protocol 10 to the Act of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, the application of the European Law (acquis) shall be suspended in those areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control. United Nations Security Council called upon all states to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and condemned all secessionist actions (resolution 550/1984). A negotiating process aiming at reaching a settlement of the Cyprus problem is currently under way.

Nicosia (Lefkosia) is the capital of Cyprus and is located roughly in the centre of the island. Instead of the sea breeze, here one can feel an air of sophistication and cultural diversity that reinforces its capacity as a European capital. With a rich history that can be traced back to the Bronze Age, Lefkosia only became the capital in the 11th century AD, and it was the Lusignans who transformed it into a magnificent city with a royal palace and over fifty churches. Later in the 16th century, the Venetians gave it its trademark city walls, which completely encircle the Old City. The massive and architecturally impressive walls have a circumference of 4.5 Km, with 11 heart-shaped bastions and 3 gates to the city. The walls divide Lefkosia into the Old City within, and modern and continuously developing city outside the walls. Sadly, Lefkosia is still divided, with the demarcation Green Line running right across the Old City from east to west. Crossing over from one side to the other is now possible upon presentation of ID card or passport.

Larnaca, the host town of the meeting, is a city on the southern coast of Cyprus. It is the third-largest city in the country, after Nicosia and Limassol, with an urban population of 84,591 (2011). Larnaca is known for its palm-tree seafront, the Church of Saint Lazarus, the Hala Sultan Tekke, the Kamares Aqueduct and its medieval fort. It is built on the ruins of ancient Citium, which was the birthplace of Stoic philosopher Zeno. Larnaca is home to the country's primary airport, Larnaca International Airport. It also has a (both passenger and cargo) seaport and a marina.

Cyprus Key Facts Quick View

Geographic Location: Eastern Mediterranean Island

Climate: Mediterranean

Local Time: GMT time +2 (winter time)

Area: 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles)

Population: 1,207,000 (2020)

Capital city: Nicosia (Lefkosia/Lefkosa) (population: 244,000)

People: Greek Cypriots (78%), Turkish Cypriots (18%), Maronites, Latins (4%)

Languages: Greek, Turkish, English

Religions: Greek Orthodox (78%), Muslim (18%), Maronite, Armenian Apostolic, and other (4%)

Currency: Euro

Government: Republic (Presidential System) since 1960

Head of State: President Nicos ANASTASIADIS

Minister of Defence: Charalambos PETRIDES

Cyprus Airports/Ports

The **only legal points of entry and exit** to and from the territory of the Republic are the international airports of **Larnaca** and **Paphos**, and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Paphos and Latchi. **Use of any other points of entry/exit operating without the authorization of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is considered illegal, under Article 12 of the Aliens and Immigration Law.**

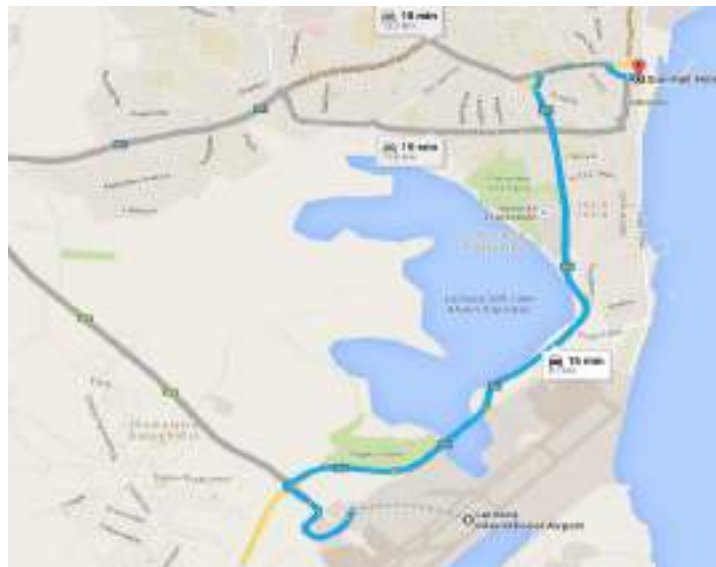
PAPHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PFO) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Paphos International Airport is located on the west coast of the island just 9 miles east of the town of PAPHOS and 125 Km from Larnaca, the host city of the event. PFO can be accessed from Larnaca by the A6 motorway.

LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCA) (Tel. No. 77 77 88 33, Website: www.hermesairports.com)

Larnaca International Airport is Cyprus's main international airport and is situated 5km south of the town of LARNACA. A new terminal building opened in November 2009, serving 9 million passengers a year.

The distance from Larnaca International Airport to the Sun Hall Hotel is 8,7 Km and approximately 15 minutes by taxi or 25 minutes by bus (bus number 425, bus station Finikoudes)



Tourist Information

Information to tourists is provided by a tourist information office located in Departures, as well as by various airline information desks, which are located on the public concourse. Please visit the official site of Cyprus Tourism Organization: www.visitcyprus.com

Accommodation

The meeting and the seminar, as well as the accommodation will be held at **Sun Hall Hotel** in **Larnaca** (<https://www.sunhallhotel.com.cy/>). The Hotel was selected for its quality of services, conference facilities, proximity to Larnaca airport, a relevant low rate and its location (it's located in the center of the city). Attached you can find a hotel registration form which you have to complete and send before **05th of September 2022**, otherwise there is no guarantee for availability and following rates. The Ministry of Defence has a special arrangement with the hotel for the following services:



Room rates:

Single room on B&B **€120.00** per room per day

Twin room on B&B **€140.00** per room per day

Check in time: 14:00

Check out time: 12:00

Any other special arrangements could be done directly with the hotel (early check-in late check-out)

Room Reservation:

Participants should make their reservation directly to the hotel reservation department by sending the **Registration form for the Integration of a Gender Perspective in CSDP Course (annex 3)**, to the email: info@sunhallhotel.com.cy or by fax to the number **+35724652717**, copy to Major (Army) Christoforos CHRISTOFOROU cchristoforou@mod.gov.cy

Internet Access: Free WIFI will be provided to all hotel premises.

Arrival in Cyprus

- Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to one of the legal points of entry of the Republic of Cyprus [LARNAKA International Airport (**highly recommended**) or PAPHOS Airport].
- You can reach the Sun Hotel by taxi (15 euro) or bus no. 425 (bus stop: FINIKOUCES).
- For those arriving /departing from Paphos Airport they can use either Taxi which will cost about 100 euro (1 hour and 25 minutes – 125 Km) or KAPNOS Airport Bus Shuttle which will cost about 15 euro (2 hours). For further information, see below transports in Cyprus.
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Meals - Coffee Breaks

- An Ice Breaker Reception will be take place, on Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Lunches are **not included** in the room price. A special price for **Lunch Buffet** has been set at the price of **€20** per person per day and it will be paid directly to the hotel upon arrival
- During the Coffee Breaks will be offered coffee and snacks.
- A Cultural visit and a hosted Dinner by CY MoD will take place on the 29 September 2022

Transport in Cyprus

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses are the only means of public transport in Cyprus. There are no metros or trains.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FROM PAPHOS AIRPORT TO LARNACA AIRPORT VIA LIMASSOL

KAPNOS AIRPORT SHUTTLE provides “Shuttle” service between Paphos International Airport and Larnaca International Airport at €15 per person. For more details, please follow the link <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/> or call Tel.: +357 24 00 87 18. Please note that if you choose this way to travel, you should take the bus or a taxi for the rest of the route up to the hotel.

URBAN BUSES

Urban buses link different areas within the respective cities and operate frequently during the day. Each city has its own bus company. **The cost of tickets is: One way €1.50, daily €5.00, night €2.50. Daily tickets are valid until 21:00 of each day. From 21:00 and after, passengers should issue the night ticket.**

TRANSURBAN/INTERCITY BUSES

Public bus transport between towns is provided by the Intercity Buses Co Ltd. For exact timetables contact: INTERCITY BUSES Co Ltd., Tel.: 23 81 90 90, www.intercity.buses.com

URBAN TAXIS

Urban taxis are available 24 hours a day in all towns. They can be booked by phone or hired on the street. Additionally, you can ask for a taxi at your hotel reception desk. Taximeters are installed in all urban taxis and charging starts as soon as you get into the car.

HIRED CARS

Self-drive car rental firms have offices in all towns, as well as at Larnaca International Airport. To be permitted to drive in Cyprus, you must hold either a valid national or international driving license provided it is valid for the class of vehicle you wish to drive. **CAUTION: Traffic moves on the Left-hand side of the road, NOT on the right.** Due to the sometimes-intense brightness of the clear Mediterranean sky, drivers are advised to wear sunglasses.

Maps of Cyprus

To see Cyprus and City maps, please click [here](#)