



INVITATION

TO

THE ESDC BASIC COURSE ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM (SSR)

Activity Number (21-22/10/1)

Madrid, September 21-23, 2021

After careful consideration, having in mind the present traveling limitations around Europe and prioritizing the health and safety of attendees in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the National Defence Advanced Studies Centre (CESEDEN) in close coordination with the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) has made the difficult decision to postpone the Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR) originally scheduled to be held in Madrid, for June 1-3, 2021. The anticipated new Course date will be September 21-23, 2021 in the expectation that the pandemic situation will be better, as well as the levels of vaccination in EU countries.

Let me remind you that the EU Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR) is a major component of EU educational and training program and, as such, it has been included in the ESDC Training Programme for 2021. The course is open to civil servants and military personnel from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies, and more particularly aims to provide participants with a broader understanding of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) concept, in order to enhance their SSR knowledge through increasing participant's awareness of challenges and developments in this specific domain.

It is therefore with a great pleasure that we invite you again to nominate participants for this three-day training activity, which is a unique opportunity to gain a good understanding of the SSR in the global security environment and to contribute to further development of a European culture on this matter. You will find below all the details regarding the registration process for this course.

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Director of the National Defence Advanced Studies Centre

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Administrative instructions

- **Course Venue:** The course venue for the entire course will be, in a residential format, in Madrid at the National Defence Advanced Studies Centre (CESEDEN), Paseo de la Castellana, 61, 28071 Madrid.
- **Participation:** The course is open to civilian, police and military personnel from EU Member States, EU Institutions/Agencies who are interested, involved in or designated to work on the planning, implementation or management of CSDP missions and operations or in the UE Commission projects in support of areas relevant to Security Sector Reform.
- **Language:** This Basic Course will be held in English.
- **Application:** Applications from the EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies are to be filled *via* the ESDC secure internet system *ENLIST*, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> **no later than June 30, 2021**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. The registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the ENLIST registration form by the nominated participant.
- **E-Learning Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs):** The residential part of the course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning preparatory phase (on the ESDC e-learning platform *ILIAS*) which needs to be finalized before the beginning of the residential part. The details for e-Learning units will be provided by the ESDC Secretariat. The e-learning is a mandatory part of the overall course.
- **Attendance:** The participant's attendance at the residential part of the course is mandatory each and every day. The certificate will only be granted if both parts of the course (e-learning and required participation to all assignments) have been successfully completed.



- **Costs:** There is no tuition-fee. All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Travel, hotel and meals:** Arrangements for international travel, local transportation, accommodation and meals, and the cost thereof, will be covered by authorities at origin or by participants. There are numerous hotels of all categories in the vicinity of CESEDEN (enter Madrid post code 28003). According with the experience acquired from previous ESDC courses, and the proximity to CESEDEN facilities we highly recommended Hotel NH Zurbano. For this event, we have a collective hotel pre-booking until April, 22, 2021. The Hotel offers participants a room rate based on standard double room and buffet breakfast for 112,20€ including tax.
- **Arrival/Departure:** The course will start on **Tuesday 21st September at 08:15 hrs.** and end on **Thursday 23rd September at 16:00 hrs.** Pending on the COVID-19 circumstances, on the first evening, an ice breaker will be offered upon invitation by CESEDEN and ESDC.
- **COVID precautionary guidelines:** As pandemic circumstances may vary from now on until September, we highly recommend you to regularly check the detailed information necessary to travel to Spain. You can get an updated information on the following pages:
 - Spanish Ministry of Health, available at this link: <https://www.spth.gob.es/more>
 - The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC): <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/>
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, social distancing rules and measures will be in place (additional information on that matter will be provided prior to the course). All participants must follow Spanish and CESEDEN regulations and guidelines.
- **Administrative Details and Agenda:** Further detailed information will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants by the Course Director, Colonel Air Force Antonio BERNAL (cberfue@oc.mde.es ; Tel: +34 91 348 2676)



CSDP Basic Course on SSR

Madrid, 21 – 23 September 2021

(ESDC activity number 21-22/10/1)

Tentative Programme

(Draft as of 07 May 2021)

Note: As all training activities organized by the ESDC or under the ESDC auspices, this activity is held under the Chatham House Rule.

Day 1, Tuesday, 21 September 2021			
TIME	DURATION	LECTURE	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
08:15 09:00		Registration and welcome package. Possible COVID-19 test.	
09:00 09:15	15 min	Course Introduction; Programme & Administrative remarks.	Col. Antonio Bernal - Course Director
09:15 09:30	15 min	Welcome address / Opening Address	TBD (CESEDEN Director or Representative)
09:30 09:40	10 min	GROUP PHOTO	All Participants
09:40 10:00	20 min	Presentation of ESDC	Mr. Joao MADALENO (ESDC Training Manager)
10:00 10:30		COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 11:20	50 min	Framing SSR: Key SSR concepts, principles, context and policy	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator).
11:30 12:20	50 min		
12:30 13:20	50 min		
13:30 15:00	1h 30 min	LUNCH	
15:00 15:50	50 min	EU approach to SSR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actors involves; Policy framework; • EU SSR instruments and resources. 	Ms. Laria STOIAN, EEAS Policy Officer Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate. (ISP.1 SEC2 Implementation of integrated Approach.)
15:50 16:10	20 min	COFFEE BREAK	
16:10 17:00	50 min	EU approach to SSR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actors involves; Policy framework; • EU SSR instruments and resources. 	Ms. Laria STOIAN, EEAS Policy Officer Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate. (ISP.1 SEC2 Implementation of integrated Approach.)
17:00		End working day I	

Day 2, Wednesday, 22 September 2021			
TIME	DURATION	LECTURE	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
08:30 08:35	5 min	ADMIN ISSUES	Col. Antonio Bernal - Course Director
08:35 09:25	50 min	EEAS CSDP Civilian Missions & SSR	Ms. Daphne LODDER, EEAS CPCC, Rule of Law Policy Officer, (Operational Planning and Horizontal Issues, Horizontal Coordination Division, CPCC.2)
09:25 09:50	25 min	EEAS CSDP Civilian Missions & SSR Questions & Answer period	Ms. Daphne LODDER, EEAS CPCC, Rule of Law Policy Officer, (Operational Planning and Horizontal Issues, Horizontal Coordination Division, CPCC.2)
09:50 10:30	40 min	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 11:20	50 min	The NATO approach to SSR. Case Study Irak	TBD (It is requested Col. ESP (Army) NATO Mission-Irak (NMI) Spanish contingent)
11:30 12:20	50 min	Gender and SSR.	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator).
12:30 13:20	50 min	Civil Society and SSR.	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator).
13:30 15:00	1h 30 min	LUNCH	
15:00 15:50	50 min	Non state actors role on the SSR	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator).
15:50 16:10	20 min	COFFEE BREAK	
16:10 17:00	50 min	Participants Syndicate Working session (I)	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator).
17:00	End working day II		

Day 3, Thursday, 23 September 2021			
TIME	DURATION	LECTURE	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
08:30 08:35	5 min	ADMIN ISSUES	Col. Antonio Bernal - Course Director
08:35 09:25	50 min	Panel SSR implementation and good practices experience from the field:	Col. GNR (POR) Paulo SOARES, Head of Mission EUAM RCA TBD (It is requested ESP Guardia Civil representative)
09:35 10:25	50 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study EUAM RCA • Case Study: Project GARSI-SAHEL 	
10:30 11:20	50 min	Panel SSR implementation and good practices experience from the field. Questions and Answers period	Col. GNR (POR) Paulo SOARES, Head of Mission EUAM RCA
11:20 11:50	30 min	COFFEE BREAK	
11:50 12:40	50 min	Participants Syndicate Working session (II)	Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator)
12:40 13:30	50 min	Syndicates Works Outcome.	Participants Syndicates Outcome presentations in plenary Heather HUHTANEN (Course Facilitator & Syndicate coordinator)
13:30 15:00	1h 30 min	LUNCH	
15:00 15:15	15 min	Course wrap up	Mr. Joao MADALENO (ESDC Training Manager) Col. Antonio Bernal - Course Director
15:30 16:00	30 min	Closing remarks and graduation ceremony	