



## Invitation

### SECURITY IN THE BLACK SEA REGION. SHARED CHALLENGES, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. EUROPE AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD

**22-26.05.2023- Activity Number 22-23/PILOT/14**

The Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College and with the support of the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, has the honour of organising and inviting participants to the course entitled '**Security in the Black Sea region. Shared challenges, sustainable future. Europe and its neighbourhood**', to be held in Bucharest, Romania, from 22 to 26 May 2023 (in a residential format).

The course will feature five days of lectures, debates and interactive exercises on the topic of the challenges faced by the Black Sea region and the policy responses which supra-national, national and regional decision-makers can adopt in order to combat them. The format provides the opportunity for young and senior leaders in EU Member States and Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries to meet, share ideas and debate on how to build secure societies in the future. The programme aims to foster cooperation in the region, increase state and societal resilience and to contribute to the development of a common strategic culture between Member States and EaP countries.

Participants would generally be entry/mid-level staff (military, diplomatic, police, intelligence and civilians) from Member States and EaP countries with some experience in security policy matters.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

We invite you to nominate participants for the course entitled '**Security in the Black Sea region. Shared challenges, sustainable future. Europe and its neighbourhood**', which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the ESDC: providing Member States and EaP countries with knowledgeable personnel able to address common policy challenges.

The Head of the  
European Security and Defence College

**Holger OSTERRIEDER**

The Rector of the  
Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy,

**Prof. dr. Adrian-Liviu IVAN**



## Administrative information

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- **Target group:** the course is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States and Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries who are invited to nominate suitable participants with expertise in security, intelligence and/or diplomacy.
- **Places and nominations:** *around 35 places will be available for EU Member States and EU Institutions (plus 22 places for EaP countries). Typically, one or two places per Member State will be allocated - however, depending on the total number of requests, one additional place could be provided. We are seeking to put together a balanced group composed of civilians, police, intelligence and military personnel.*
- **Applications should be sent by 20 April 2023, as follows:**
  - Applications from the Member States must be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be found on the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
  - Eastern Partnership countries must send their nominations (*up to five participants each, preferably representatives of ministries of the interior, defence or foreign affairs, and prioritising experts from law enforcement services and intelligence services*) for the course to [Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu) (mentioning name, function, institution, and personal email address).
- **Attendance:** participants' attendance on all days of the course is **mandatory**. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the entire course, including the e-Learning modules. This course will not be offered in a hybrid format.
- **Language:** the working language is English, without interpretation.
- **Costs:** international travel and accommodation costs (including breakfast) must be covered by the sending authorities for representatives of EU Member States. Representatives of EaP countries will have their travel, accommodation and per diem expenses covered by the EU Commission's DG NEAR.
- **Gender equality:** the ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the training institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Dress code:** formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** in medical emergencies, costs must be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for those participating in the event.
- The activity will start on Monday, 22 May (09:00) and end on Friday, 26 May (12:00).
- **Additional info:** further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via email directly to the course participants in due time, including information directly linked to developments concerning travel restrictions or the health situation in Romania and/or the EU.



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## Tentative agenda

Day 1 - 22 May 2023

<b>Course topic 1</b>	<b>The EU's integrated approach as a capable security provider - EU Strategic Concept</b>
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome note - SRI Deputy Director
9:15 - 9:30	Presentation of the EEAS/ESDC - Dr Georgică Panfil (ESDC training manager)
9:30 - 10:30	Setting the frame <b>The EU Strategic Compass - how it changes security strategy and the envisioned outcome</b>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Panel discussion - interconnectedness and interdependence in the Black Sea region - from energy security to climate change</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 - 14:20	Life skills session/ad-hoc campfire Cultural awareness/assertive communication/conflict resolution/delivering a successful presentation
14:20 - 14:30	Break
14:30 - 15:00	'Cooperation, problem solving and strategic planning in the Black Sea region' - exercise introduction
15:00 - 17:00	Exercise session 1
17:00 - 17:30	Wrap-up and conclusions of the first day

Day 2 - 23 May 2023

<b>Course topic 2</b>	<b>The EU strategic environment - main security factors and drivers of change in the Black Sea region</b>
9:30 - 10:30	Setting the frame <b>Mapping the strategic environment in which the EU is operating</b>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Panel discussion - EU vision and priorities in the Black Sea region - promoting stability and resilience. Regional and EU perspectives on peace and security development</b>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:20	Life skills session/ad-hoc campfire Cultural awareness/assertive communication/conflict resolution/delivering a successful presentation
14:20 - 14:30	Break



14:30 - 16:30	'Cooperation, problem solving and strategic planning in the Black Sea region' - exercise Exercise session 2
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap-up and conclusions of the second day

Day 3 - 24 May 2023

Course topic 3	Risk containment and development of peace and security in the BSR
9:30 - 10:30	Setting the frame <b>Main challenges ahead - from climate change to the impact of AI on hybrid warfare development</b>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Panel session - risk containment strategies and the interplay of security, intelligence and diplomatic endeavours</b>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:20	Life skills session/ad-hoc campfire Cultural awareness/assertive communication/conflict resolution/delivering a successful presentation
14:20 - 14:30	Break
14:30 - 16:30	'Cooperation, problem solving and strategic planning in the Black Sea region' - exercise Exercise session 3
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap-up and conclusions of the third day

Day 4 - 25 May 2023

Course topic 4	Containing below-the-threshold hybrid threats to security in the BSR
9:30 - 10:30	Setting the frame <b>Mapping the typology of hybrid threats to security in the BSR</b>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Panel session - approaches to building societal resilience to hybrid threats</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 - 14:20	Life skills session/ad-hoc campfire Cultural awareness/assertive communication/conflict resolution/delivering a successful presentation
14:20 - 14:30	Break
14:30 - 16:30	'Cooperation, problem solving and strategic planning in the Black Sea region' - exercise Exercise session 4
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap-up and conclusions of the fourth day



Day 5 - 26 May 2023

Course topic 5	Conclusions
9:30 - 10:30	<b>Syndicate assignment</b> Presentation of exercise conclusions
10:30 - 11:30	Conclusions of the SBSR programme and wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Holger OSTERRIEDER, Head of the ESDC</li><li>• Professor Adrian Ivan, Rector, Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy</li></ul>
11:30 - 12:00	Award of certificates and wrap up (Adrian Ivan, Holger Osterrieder, Georgică Panfil)
12:00	Lunch