



**THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
AND
THE ITALIAN ARMY POST-CONFLICT OPERATIONS STUDY CENTRE**

**INVITATION TO THE
Basic Course on Security Sector Reform
(Activity Number 24-25/10/1)
(Turin, Italy, 24-27 September 2024)**

The Italian Army Post-Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC) and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) have the honour of jointly organising the ESDC Basic Course on Security Sector Reform from 24 to 27 September 2024.

The course is part of the ESDC's annual education and training programme as one of the three educational paths established by the ESDC to meet the specific training need of enhancing SSR knowledge and practice within the European Union.

The aim of the course is to provide attendees with a general overview and basic knowledge of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) concept as an essential multidimensional element of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, crisis management, institution building and stabilisation efforts, which plays a central role in achieving sustainable stability. Throughout the course, particular attention will be paid to the European Union approach and its strategic framework in support of SSR, and special emphasis will be given to the Defence Sector Reform (DSR) and its implementation challenges.

The course will consist of two compulsory phases: an Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) phase (available on the ILLIAS virtual platform from 9 to 23 September 2024), followed by a residential phase, which will be held in Turin from 24 to 27 September 2024. On completion of these two phases, participants will have acquired a sound understanding of the SSR concept, learn how to apply key EU SSR policy and guidance documents during the planning and/or implementation of a CSDP mission/operation or EU Commission programmes/projects.

The European Security and Defence College and the Italian Army Post-Conflict Operations Study Centre are hereby pleased to invite you to nominate your candidates for the course. The course is tailored to senior military officers (from Major to Colonel) and civilian officials/executive roles, from EU Member States, Bodies and Agencies (personnel from EU candidate countries may be admitted upon request).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Turin.

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Appendices:

1. Log/Admin details
2. Course provisional syllabus