



EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
Romanian National Defence College (Romania)
National College of Home Affairs (Romania)

Invitation to the
CSDP Orientation Course
(Activity Number 20-21/3/12)

taking place from 3 to 7 May 2021
Venue: Brussels or virtual (to be confirmed by 15 March 2021)

The National Defence College and National College of Home Affairs of Romania have the honour of co-organising, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course** in Brussels from 3 to 7 May 2021.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of the ESDC training activities with the aim to develop and promote a broad understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The main aim of the Course is to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners in the global security environment. The course provides a general overview on the civilian and military aspects of the CSDP. In particular, participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes. Participants will be offered the opportunity to be part of a network of people working in the field of CSDP.

We would be pleased if you would nominate suitable candidates for this training activity which would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, able to work in CSDP related fields.*

Administrative instructions

- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel. The EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies and the CSDP Missions and Operations are kindly invited to nominate each, one participant. However, more seats could be allocated, based on the total number of applications.
- Third countries and international organisations are welcomed to put forward suitable candidates.
- The course capacity is 65 seats, with up to 30 participants from the Romanian National Defence College. **However, the maximum capacity will be dictated by the rules of social distancing in force at the deadline for applications.**
- Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than **26 February 2021**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- Applications from other than EU Member States should be sent directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing course venue), the personal e-mail address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), the institution and the reason how this course benefits the applicant.
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants
- The language regime of the CSDP - *English and French without translation* - applies.
- The course consists of an **eLearning** part done on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS, as well as a **residential session** held in Brussels, both parts being compulsory. Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the eLearning phase.
- The course starts on **6 April 2021** with the eLearning phase. The residential part of the course takes place in Brussels from 3 to 7 May 2021 (Monday 13.00 to Friday 12.30). Information on the course venue will be provided in due time to all registered participants.
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- You can consult the CSDP Orientation Course standard curriculum [here](#) and on the ESDC Website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/> (Education and Training/View Curricula).
- Given the current COVID-19 crisis and possible further restrictions imposed for public events in the upcoming months, the organisation of the course in residential format might not be possible. If that will be the case, the course will be organised in virtual format, at distance.
- **The format of the course (residential or virtual) will be confirmed by 15 March 2021. Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmatory message.**

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Draft Programme

Monday, 3/05/2021	Tuesday, 4/05/2021	Wednesday, 5/05/2021	Thursday, 6/05/2021	Friday, 7/05/2021
Registration Opening	EEAS and Crisis Management Structures CSDP Decision Making and Crisis Management Procedures	EU Missions and Operations Cooperation with partner organizations and countries. EU-UN/ EU-NATO	Cooperation CSDP- Justice and Home Affairs Emerging threats: Cyber Security, Hybrid Threats & Strategic Communication*	European Security and Defence Culture Future of CSDP
The EU Global Strategy	EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crisis EU civilian and military capabilities & European Defence Agency	The role of the European Parliament in CFSP/ CSDP (visit to the EU Parliament)	Horizontal issues in CSDP missions and operations EU Intelligence	Evaluation Closing Certificates
Methodology: Lectures, Panels, Discussions, Group Work.				

Course starts on Monday, 3/05/2021 at 13.00 and concludes on Friday, 7/05/2021 at 12.30.

The detailed programme and course venue will depend on the course format (residential or virtual) and will be communicated in due time.