



INVITATION

to the ESDC Course

“The Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas for the European Union”

Constanta, 25th – 28th of May 2021

Within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the National College of Home Affairs - CNAI (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy) and the Romanian Naval Academy “Mircea cel Batran” (ANMB), will organise the course “*The Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas for the European Union*”, in Constanța, Romania, from 25th to 28th of May 2021. The training will be supported by the Romanian Border Police and *Nikola Y. Vaptsarov* Naval Academy of the Republic of Bulgaria, as course partners.

Participants from the EU Member States/partner states and relevant EU Institutions will be exposed to the diplomatic, institutional, legal and operational issues related to the implementation of the Maritime Security Strategy of the European Union Action Plan. The course will be based on concrete examples in areas of strategic interest for the European Union and the Member States and will be concluded based on a complex exercise on the Black Sea, organized by the partners. Due to its practical component, the activities will be organized on residential basis, in Constanta (Romania), adapted to the pandemic context.

In a context of increasing threats at its borders, the European Union has strengthened its role, in the field of maritime security, through the reinforcement of regional and international cooperation and with the development of an integrated approach.

Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit to network and share views with professionals in the security and maritime issues, building on the *European security culture*.

We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this ESDC training activity which would offer them an excellent opportunity to create a network of practitioners working in the field of maritime security in the EU Member States and Institutions, building on the *European security culture*.

Please find below details concerning the registration process and administrative instruction.



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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.
- Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>, no later than 07 May 2021. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/4369/european-security-and-defence-college-esdc_en, tab "How to register". 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 10 May with the eLearning phase.
- The residential part of the course takes place in Constanta, Romania from 25 to 28 May 2021 and is hosted by “Mircea cel Bătrân” Naval Academy (address: 1st, Fulgerului Street, Constanța, 900218, Romania <https://www.anmb.ro/>)
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course shall be covered by the sending authorities. For your convenience, Hotel Pacific 3*** is located just across the Naval Academy and no transfer should be applicable.
- Participants are recommended to arrive to Bucharest (via Henri Coandă International Airport – Otopeni – IATA code BUH/OTP) the latest on Monday 24 May. For transfer to Constanța participants are recommended online reservation on <https://alt-transportpersoane.ro/#>
- During the residential module at the Naval Academy in Constanța, lunch can be served at the officers' mess for 20 RON (aprox. 5 euro).

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