



## INVITATION

to the ESDC Course

### «Disaster Relief in CSDP Context»

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Sofia, 19-22 July 2022

Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, the Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence, in cooperation with the *Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria* and the *Romanian National College of Home Affairs*, is organising the **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context**.

The course is designed for personnel with civilian (diplomatic/consular, police, judicial, intelligence of humanitarian NGOs' staff) and military backgrounds, having expertise and operational experience in civil protection, disaster relief and/or humanitarian assistance. The experts from the CSDP Missions and Operations or those from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and the EU Delegations that can be deployed in *Fact Finding Missions* in disaster stricken areas as teams of EEAS/EUMS or DG ECHO, are encouraged to attend.

The course is organised in **Sofia, Bulgaria from 19 to 22 July 2022** and will provide knowledge about the impact of man-made, natural and climate driven disasters on the European Security (and in particular on conduct of CFSP/CSDP). Participants will learn about the EU institutional structures, mechanisms and instruments employed in disaster relief, rescue and humanitarian activities (with emphasis on synchronization of diverse civilian and military CFSP/CSDP assets in disaster response). Field practitioners will share their experience in disaster relief operations, from diplomatic, civilian and military perspectives. The comprehensive/integrated approach to crisis management (with emphasis to civ-mil coordination in disaster relief) will be given due consideration. In the same time, the EU partnerships and cooperation in terms of policies and practices with stakeholders in the field (UN, NATO, leading humanitarian NGO) will also be addressed.

The practical dimension of the course will be accomplished through a syndicate session and a simulation exercise (covering planning templates and learn techniques on how to deal with disasters). Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit from the know-how of European institutions and Members States experts and to network and share views with professionals in disaster relief, building on the *European security culture*.

It is therefore with great pleasure that CMDR COE and ESDC invite you to nominate suitable candidates for the ESDC course on **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context**. Deadline for registration is 10 June 2022.

The final programme and the detailed information will be provided to all confirmed participants.

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### Practical information

- The training programme is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU Institutions and Agencies, CSDP Missions and Operations, and International Organisations. The course could host up to 35 participants in total.
- The language of the CSDP will be English without translation.
- Attendance of the course is mandatory at all times; **a certificate** signed by the HR/VP will be awarded to participants who complete the course, **including the e-learning phase**.
- Applications from the EU MS and institutions are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ESDC secured registration system <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login> no later than: **10 June 2022**. 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](mailto: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.
- The course consists of an eLearning part on the eLearning platform of the ESDC and a residential part, both parts being compulsory. The **eLearning session** will be available with effect from **20 June 2022**. The topics during the residential module will be explored in an interactive manner, in sessions followed by Q&A, as well during a panel discussions and team works.
- The residential module of the course will be hosted at the CMDR COE Premises, 34A Totleben Blvd., Shipka hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria (details and directions available in the CMDR COE's website <https://www.cmdrcoe.org> ).
- **On Tuesday 19 July 2022**, participants are expected at the Shipka hotel between **8.15** and **8.45** for registration and the welcome package. Participants will receive a course badge and will be requested to wear the badge during the course. **The course opening is planned for 9.00**.
- All costs for international travel, transportation, accommodation and catering during the course shall be covered by the sending authorities. The participants are recommended to arrive to Sofia (Bulgaria) the latest on Monday, **18 July**

**2022.** Participants should arrange their own travel, accommodation and meals. Although a personal responsibility, CMDR COE could support participants' accommodation at the Shipka hotel - <http://www.hotel-shipka.com/> or the Astoria Grand hotel - <https://rodina-hotel-sofia.hotelmix.bg> .

- Please note that **transportation to/from course venue will not be provided.**
- The dress code is business attire for both civilians and militaries.
- When the participants' list is finalised, the designated course director/person of contact will be in touch with the participants on their personal e-mail address.

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