



European Security and Defence College
National College of Home Affairs (Romania)

Invitation to the
Disaster Relief in CSDP Context

Bucharest, 17 to 21 July 2023
Training activity number 22-23/44/3

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

The course is designed for personnel with civilian (diplomatic/consular, police, judicial, intelligence, humanitarian NGO staff) and military backgrounds, having expertise and operational experience in civil protection, disaster relief and/or humanitarian assistance, together with selected personnel from the Eastern Partnership countries, which are invited to nominate participants. Experts from CSDP missions and operations, from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and from EU delegations that can be deployed in *fact-finding missions* in disaster-stricken areas as EEAS/EUMS or DG ECHO teams are encouraged to attend.

The course is being held in Bucharest, Romania from 17 to 21 July 2023 and will provide basic knowledge on the impact of man-made, natural and climate-driven disasters on European security (and in particular on the conduct of CFSP/CSDP activities). Participants will learn about the EU institutional structures, mechanisms and instruments employed in disaster relief, rescue and humanitarian activities (with an emphasis on the synchronisation 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 integrated approach to crisis management (with an emphasis on civ-mil coordination in disaster relief) will be given due consideration. The EU's partnerships and cooperation with stakeholders in the field (UN, NATO, leading humanitarian NGO) in terms of policies and practices will also be discussed.

The practical dimension of the course will consist of a teamwork session and a simulation exercise (covering planning templates and techniques for dealing with disasters). Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and experience of specialists from the European institutions and Member States and to network and share views with professionals in disaster relief, building on the *European security culture*.



It is therefore with great pleasure that we invite you to nominate participants for the ESDC course on *Disaster Relief in CSDP Context*.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bucharest.

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

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Annex A

Disaster Relief in CSDP Context Course Bucharest, from 17 to 21 July 2023 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, third countries and international organisations. Participants from the Eastern Partnership countries are especially welcome. The course could host up to 50 participants in total (20 of these coming from the five Eastern Partnership countries).
- The language of the CSDP will be English; translation will not be available.
- Attendance at 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 eLearning phase**.

Nomination:

- EU Member States, EU structures and CSDP Missions and Operations are invited to nominate participants, using the ESDC secured registration system <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than 16 June 2023.
- Applications from participants from international organisations and third countries, other than the Eastern Partnership countries and EU Member States, should be sent by the competent authority directly to the ESDC Secretariat at SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu and to Georgios.KAPOGIANNIS@eeas.europa.eu, indicating the full name of the candidate (as in official documents used for accessing the course venue), the institution, function and the motivation to attend the course.
- Eastern Partnership countries should send their nominations for the course (*up to four participants per country, preferably representatives of the ministries of the interior, defence or foreign affairs, priority being given to experts from law enforcement, fire and civilian protection services, and diplomats responsible for humanitarian and disaster relief cooperation*), no later than 16 June 2023, to Georgios.KAPOGIANNIS@eeas.europa.eu (providing full name, function, institution, and personal e-mail address). Registration will not be final until it has been confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the registration form has been completed by the nominated participant.

Details:

- The course venue will be the Sheraton Bucharest Hotel, Calea Dorobantilor 5-7, Bucharest, 010551 (<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/buhsi-sheraton-bucharest-hotel/overview/>).
- The programme, workshop scenario, names of lecturers, etc. will be made available in the practical information provided after the completion of the selection process.
- 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 from 26 June 2023. The topics to be covered in the residential module will be explored interactively in sessions followed by Q&A, panel discussions and team work.



- The residential module of the course will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 17 to 21 July 2023 (Monday 10.00 to Friday 13.00).
- On Monday 17 July 2023, participants are expected at the Sheraton Bucharest Hotel, between 09.00 and 09.45, for registration and the welcome package. Participants will receive a badge to be worn visibly during the course. The course opening is planned for 10.00.
- The dress code is formal or service uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual or business for the working sessions.

Costs:

- All costs of international travel, transportation, medical insurance, accommodation and catering/meals during the course are to be covered by the participants' sending authorities from EU Member States, EU institutions and CSDP missions and operations. **NO COURSE FEE IS REQUIRED.** Participants should arrange their own travel, accommodation and meals.
- All costs related to the participants from the Eastern Partnership countries will be covered by the European Commission. As soon as the organisers have received nominations, a selection board will accept and confirm participants. The European Commission will then contact the participants in order to arrange flights and accommodation (including a moderate daily allowance).
- Please note that transportation to and from the course venue will not be provided.
- When the participant list is finalised, the designated course director/contact person will be in touch with the participants at their personal e-mail addresses. *To facilitate this process, each candidate should have a valid personal e-mail address.*

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Annex B

Tentative Programme

Disaster Relief in CSDP Context Course

ESDC activity no 22-23/44/3

Bucharest, 17-21 July 2023

Date/Time Bucharest (EET / GMT+3)	Intervention / Panel	Speakers
Day 1 - Monday, 17/07/2023		
09.00-09.45	<i>Arrival & registration</i>	
10.00-11.00	<i>Opening speeches</i>	TBC
11.00-11.30	<i>Official photo / Coffee break</i>	
11.30-13.00	Topic: The role and structure of the Emergency System, the importance of international collaboration and civil - military cooperation in emergency situations	
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00-15.30	Topic: EU External Action in practice – CSDP instruments in support of disaster relief. EU Member States and EUAM Ukraine’s actions in the aftermath of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine	
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00-17.30	Topic: ESDC in support of the EU integrated approach	
18.00-21.00	Welcome cocktail <i>Hosted by CNAI</i> <i>Location: hotel</i>	

Day 2 – Tuesday, 18/07/2023		
09.00-10.30	Topic: Education and training - an important part of maintaining capabilities for the EU's disaster response and humanitarian assistance	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.30	Topic: EU Civil Protection Mechanism, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, ERCC, role of the Commission’s DG ECHO, DG DEVCO. EEAS – Commission: complementarity and coordination	

Date/Time Bucharest (EET / GMT+3)	Intervention / Panel	Speakers
11.00-12.30	Topic: EU Civil Protection Mechanism, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, ERCC, role of the Commission's DG ECHO, DG DEVCO. EEAS – Commission: complementarity and coordination	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30-15.00	Topic: EU military role in disaster relief. Interoperability between civilian and military capabilities Topic: Natural disasters in the context of global security	
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Topic: Building resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical infrastructure protection, energy security, cyber security Topic: Strengthening resilience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seismic risk in Romania. Risk assessment and mitigation measures 	
Day 3 – Wednesday, 19/07/2023		
09.00-10.30	Topic: Decision-making under time pressure at tactical level in disaster management	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.30	Topic: EU integrated approach to conflict and crises. Using the entire toolbox at EU's disposal in the CSDP context	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30-15.00	Topic: Big data in disaster management Topic: Presentation of the Euro-Atlantic Centre for Resilience - E-ARC, located in Romania	
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Topic: Cooperation and synergies between emergency situations and public order systems for impact management in disaster relief situations	
18.00-21.00	<i>Official dinner hosted by CNAI Location: Hotel Sheraton</i>	



Date/Time Bucharest (EET / GMT+3)	Intervention / Panel	Speakers
Day 4 – Thursday, 20/07/2023		
09.00-17.00	Disaster emergency management – Exercise / Study visit	National Centre for Coordination and Management of Intervention / National Centre for the Improvement of Emergency Management Training
Day 5 – Friday, 21/07/2023		
09.00-10.30	Topic: CBRN incident response management Topic: STRATCOM in disaster relief: the media’s role in disasters	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.30	Concluding remarks	
12.30-13.30	Closure, certificates, family photo	
13.30-14.00	Departure of participants	