



„Alexandru Ioan Cuza” POLICE ACADEMY NATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOME AFFAIRS

BASIC COURSE ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM (SSR)

27-29 October 2025, Chisinau

Between **27 and 29 October 2025**, the *National College of Home Affairs (CNAI)* of the “*Alexandru Ioan Cuza*” *Police Academy* organised, under the auspices of the *European Security and Defence College (ESDC)*, the European training activity “**Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR)**”. The event took place in **Chişinău, Republic of Moldova**, in partnership with the “*Ştefan cel Mare*” *Academy* of the *Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova* and with the support of the *European Union Partnership Mission in the Republic of Moldova (EUPM Moldova)*.

Organised in the year marking the **20th anniversary of the European Security and Defence College**, the course reflected two decades of European commitment to education, cooperation, and resilience in the field of the *Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)*. It was the **fifth edition** of the SSR course and the **second hosted in Chişinău**, continuing a successful collaboration within the Eastern Partnership region.



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The activity gathered **40 participants** from EU Member States, Eastern Partnership countries, EU institutions and agencies, and international organisations. One participant from Romania cancelled prior to the course. The group included experts from ministries, law enforcement bodies, defence institutions,

diplomatic services, and academia, who completed both an online preparatory phase and the residential module.

The **opening session** featured keynote speeches by **Vladislav Cojuhari**, *Secretary General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova*; **Alexandru Codreanu**, *Head of the Department for Cooperation with the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova*; **Ovidiu Viorel Năftănăilă**, *Deputy Head of Mission of Romania to the Republic of Moldova*; **Police Chief Commissioner Prof. Dinu Ostavciuc**,



PhD, Rector of the “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy; **Police Quaestor Prof. Cătălin Andruș, PhD**, *Director of the National College of Home Affairs and Course Director*; and **Mr Enver Ferhatovic**, *Policy Officer and Training Manager at the ESDC*. The session was moderated by **Prof. Dr Bogdan Marinescu**, *CNAI associated professor*.

The **first day** addressed the **EU-wide strategic framework on SSR**, the **Integrated Approach**, and the **Fundamentals of Security Sector Reform**, with

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interventions by **Prof. Iulian Chifu**, *President of the Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center*; **Mr Enver Ferhatovic** (ESDC); **Gen. (r) Liviu-Mihai Dănilă, PhD**; and **Col. (r) Alberto Serradilla Fidalgo**. Participants were introduced to the group assignment “**Applying SSR in Practice – The Case of Norland**”, facilitated by **Dr Laurențiu Giurea** and **Dr Iulian Coman**.



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Mare” Academy, encouraging dialogue and networking among participants and speakers.

The **third day** opened with the **interactive plenary presentations** of the group assignment “**Applying SSR in Practice – The Case of Norland**”, followed by a session on **lessons learned from EU missions** and the **future of SSR in the Eastern Partnership region**. The **closing ceremony** then took place, attended by **H.E. Cosmin Dinescu**, *Head of EUPM Moldova*; **Ovidiu Viorel Năftănăilă**; **Prof. Dinu Ostavciuc, PhD**; and **Prof. Cătălin Andruș, PhD**. Participants received their **graduation certificates** at the end of the ceremony.

The **second day** continued with perspectives from EU agencies and CSDP missions. **Mr Kurt Meissner**, *Chair of the ESDC SSR Executive Academic Board*, opened with an overview of the ESDC’s role in coordinating SSR training across Europe. The following session explored **Frontex standpoints on SSR**, presented by **Mr Paul Muckian** and **Mr Răzvan Budeanu**. Later discussions featured **Mr Flavius Onofrei**, *Head of the EUBAM Office in Moldova*; **Ms Kirsten Joppe**, *Deputy Head of EUPM Moldova*; and **Mr Sorin Hazu** (*EUMA Armenia*), who provided field perspectives on civilian SSR implementation. The day concluded with syndicate work and an **official dinner** hosted by CNAI and the “*Ștefan cel*



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This edition marked the **first cooperation with EUPM Moldova**, reinforcing the European dimension of the course and underlining the importance of coherent support for national authorities in partner countries. Conducted under the *Chatham House Rule*, the training offered an open environment for exchange among practitioners, experts, and policymakers. Participants’ feedback was **excellent**, confirming the course’s relevance and professional quality. During the event, all partners agreed to **continue this cooperation for the next edition of the course**, further strengthening the trilateral partnership between the **European**



Union, Romania, and the Republic of Moldova in the field of security sector reform and professional training.

The event reconfirmed the strong partnership between the *National College of Home Affairs (CNAI)*, the “*Ștefan cel Mare*” Academy, the *European Security and Defence College (ESDC)*, and the *European Union Partnership Mission in the*

Republic of Moldova (EUPM). It also demonstrated Romania’s active role, through CNAI, in promoting a coherent and professional approach to **EU capacity building, security governance, and the consolidation of a common European security culture.**

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SSR

- Consolidating peace and stability... (green)
- Building a more resilient and sustainable security institutions... (orange)
- Core element of multidimensional peacekeeping... (purple)
- Provide structures... (red)

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