



Course Outline to the

6th ESDC Advanced Course for Political Advisors in EU Missions and Operations

Brussels/Geneva/Vienna - February/April/June 2017

*Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
Austrian National Defence Academy (NDA)*

*conducted in the framework of the
European Security and Defence College (ESDC/CESD)*

Course Aim:

The course aims to:

- a) Give participants an understanding of the tasks and challenges likely to face political advisors in an EU mission or operation – both at the operational and strategic levels;
- b) Provide a detailed overview of the core principles of the EU's External Action as well as the framework, skills and working techniques for political advisors both in capitals and in the field;
- c) Enhance participants' existing skills through practical training exercises;
- d) Encourage the formation of networks among individuals working in advisory positions.

Target Group:

Personnel working in political advisory positions/departments in national capitals, EU institutions, EU agencies as well as in EU missions and operations.

Number of Participants:

Maximum 25 per course

Course Structure:

Three five-day modules, with Module 1 held in Brussels, Module 2 held in Geneva, and Module 3 held in Vienna. In advance and between the modules, the participants are requested to attend an Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL) course, which will be provided on the IDL-platform for the ESDC.

Course Modules:

Module 1: Framework for Political Advisors



Course location:

European Security and Defence College, Avenue Cortenbergh 115, 1046 Bruxelles

Date:

13 - 17 February 2017 (Monday – Friday)

Host:

Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations

Course Director:

Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop and Dr. Jochen Rehr

Contents:

- The strategic context:
 - New geopolitics and European grand strategy
 - Overall priorities of CSDP – an emerging strategy
 - Regional strategies : southern and eastern neighbourhood, Africa, maritime security
- The institutional context:
 - The post-Lisbon apparatus for external action
 - From political decision-making to operational plan
 - Views from permanent representations and from within the institutions
- Partnerships : NATO, the UN, the AU, the BRICS

Module 2: Skills for Political Advisors



Course location:

Geneva, GCSP, Chemin Eugene-Rigot 2D, 1211

Date:

2 – 5 May 2017 (Tuesday – Friday)

Host:

Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Course Director:

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Contents:

- Conflict and Political Analysis
- Negotiation Techniques
- Peace Negotiation, Peace Mediation and Mediation Support
- Effective Writing : Political Reporting and Speechwriting
- Use of Information and Intelligence
- Effective Communication
- Challenges and Expectations of Advising

Module 3: Working in the Field for Political Advisors

Course location:

Vienna, NDA, Stiftgasse 2A, 1070

Date:

19 - 23 June 2017 (Monday – Friday)

Host:

Austrian National Defence Academy

Course Director:

COL Ernst M. Felberbauer



Contents:

- Current and Future Deployment of PolAds in various CSDP Missions and Operations
- Practical Implementation of Contents Module 1 and 2
- Political Advising in Current Challenging Security-political Environments
- Immersion into the Mission and Operation Field Environment of a PolAd through Coordination with other Key Mission Staff
- PolAd Training Exercise at NDA's Staff Training and Simulation Centre