



Invitation to the Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions and Operations

Brussels, 4th to 7th December 2018

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention of Maynooth University in Ireland and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) are jointly organising a Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions and Operations from Tuesday, 4th to Friday, 7th December 2018 in Brussels.

The aim of Pre-Deployment Training (PDT) is to increase the effectiveness of CSDP missions and operations. The Training is designed to ensure that deploying personnel are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to be rapidly operational on CSDP Missions and operations and to adapt to the new CSDP working environment as quickly as possible.

According to the 2013 CSDP Lessons Learned Report, a common foundation of pre-deployment training for all CSDP mission staff can greatly enhance mission effectiveness and coherence. Furthermore, with the adoption of the new "EU Policy on Training for CSDP" on 3rd April 2017, appropriate training has become a mandatory prerequisite prior to deployment for all future staff, including seconded and contracted personnel.

Together with the principle of "Duty of Care" training is a key component of any systematic approach to managing the responsibility of an organisation to care for personnel deployed abroad. Hence training and deployment are interconnected.

This course is primarily aimed for personnel already selected to a CSDP mission.

I trust your nominated participants will gain greatly from this course, while availing of an excellent opportunity to enhance professional relationships and to gain a deeper understanding of the CSDP in the global security environment.

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