



INVITATION TO THE ESDC COURSE « THE CHALLENGES OF SECURING MARITIME AREAS »

March 13th -15th, 2018 – Brussels

Within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), France has the honour of organising a course dedicated to the challenges of securing maritime areas, to be held in Brussels from March 13th to 15th, 2018. This course is organised by the Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN, France).

This course will try to approach all maritime security challenges since the adoption of the maritime security strategy of the European Union (EUMSSS) in 2014, with a special focus on migration issues, implications of the climate change for maritime security, operational cooperation between European agencies...

It will allow participants to understand these matters under diplomatic, institutional, legal and operational aspects. This course will be also based on case studies in areas of strategic interests for the European Union and its Member States (Mediterranean, Gulf of Guinea, Arctic).

The course consists of an eLearning part, as well as the residential session held in Brussels from 13th to 15th of March 2018, both parts being compulsory. The training will be delivered in the working languages of the Common security and defence policy (CSDP), French and English, without translation.

The course is open to civil servants and military from EU Member States and EU institutions. Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit from the know-how of experts of European institutions and Members States, as well as to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals.

It is therefore with great pleasure that France invites you to this course on “the challenges of securing maritime areas”.



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ESDC course – *The challenges of securing maritime areas*

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ESDC activity: 16-17/36/2 – Brussels

Fact sheet

- ❖ The course is open to civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, EU institutions/agencies. EU Member States, EU institutions and EU relevant agencies are invited to nominate participants and put them in to priority order.
- ❖ Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>, by designated nominators, **no later than the 1st of March**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- ❖ An IDL module (Internet-based Distance Learning) will be scheduled before the beginning of the course.
- ❖ The language regime of the CSDP will apply, **i.e. the working languages are French and English; no translation will be provided.**
- ❖ Attendance of the course is mandatory each and every day. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the IDL phase.
- ❖ All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- ❖ Further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants as soon as the attendance list is complete.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 13th March 2018
<i>Registration / Welcome coffee (8:30 – 9:00)</i>
Opening address: Europe, Power and Sea
The European strategic context: risks and threats in seas : European and national analyses
The EU MSS and the basin strategies: recognizing needs, assessing necessities, insuring coherence
From EU Member States strategies to a EU global maritime strategy: overview of MS national strategies and complementary with EUMSS
The EU: a Global Actor and security provider / comparing the EUMSS with other maritime power strategies (NATO, US, China...)
Wednesday, 14th March 2018
Coordination of EU agencies for securing maritime areas and protecting critical infrastructures
Data sharing mechanisms and operational implications regarding maritime security (CISE, MARSUR, COPERNICUS...)
Common response and coordination: overview of EU maritime programs (CRIMARIO, IUU, MASE)
Round-table n°1: The Horn of Africa: the implementation of the comprehensive approach integrating CSDP actions in the fight against piracy
Thursday, 15th March 2018
Round-table n°2: Mediterranean Sea: facing the diversity of threats
Round-table n°3: The Arctic challenges
Round-table n°4: The Gulf of Guinea: an example of multilateral and public/private cooperation out of CSDP scope
Closing speech
<i>End of the course (16:30)</i>