

Invitation

to the

CSDP Orientation Course (17-18/3/13)

Vienna, 23 – 26 April 2018

Since 2003, the European Union has been playing a crucial role in crisis management through its Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). With about 35 missions and operations worldwide, the EU has proved its readiness to respond effectively and in timely fashion to emerging challenges.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. In response, one of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is to contribute towards human capital development and build a pool of knowledgeable crisis managers. The College provides basic-to-advanced courses ranging from orientation to specialised training for civil-military purposes specially designed to facilitate a comprehensive approach and to contribute to the establishment of a European Security Culture.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of EU training activities in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy with the aim to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The major aim of this course is to provide you with a general overview on the civilian and military aspects of Common Security and Defence Policy getting more into detail as the course unfolds.

On behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Defence, the Austrian National Defence Academy is therefore very pleased to invite you to this ESDC training activity, which is an excellent opportunity to gain a good understanding of the CSDP in the global security environment and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners.

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LTG Erich Csitkovits
Commandant of the
Austrian National Defence Academy

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Fact Sheet

- **Participation:** The course is open to both civilian and military personnel, who are either involved in or designated to work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) matters. EU Member States, EU Institutions/ Agencies, candidate countries, third countries and international organizations may nominate up to two participants.
- **Language:** The language regime of the CSDP will apply (English and French without translation).
- **eLearning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-Learning module, which needs to be finalised before the class-room training in Vienna starts.
- **Attendance:** The participant's attendance at the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-Learning modules.
- **Costs:** All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Application:** EU Member States, EU Institutions/ Agencies are invited to identify their appropriate candidates via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://esdc-enlist.consilium.europa.eu>) by designated nominators. Other invited parties are expected to send the full name and the e-mail address of their candidates to the ESDC Secretariat (secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu). The registration period will end on **29 March 2018**.

The registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the ENLIST registration form by the nominated participant.

- **Course Venue:** The course venue for the whole week will be the Austrian National Defence Academy, Stiftgasse 2a, 1070 Vienna.



- Hotel:** Hotel reservations will need to be made individually, there are numerous hotels of all categories in the vicinity of the Austrian National Defence Academy (enter the postcodes “1070” or “Neubau” or the address “Stiftgasse” into hotel search engines). We have made some pre-reservation at Hotel K&K Maria Theresia (Kirchberggasse 6, 1070 Vienna, www.kkhotels.com/theresia). You have to make your own booking not later than 28 February 2018 by using the reservation code: “ESDC Orientation Course”.
- Meals:** All coffee and lunch breaks will be provided by the Austrian Defence Academy as indicated in the programme. The participants will be charged with € 60 per person for the whole course (8 coffee breaks, 3 lunch breaks). On the first evening, there will be an ice breaker offered by the Austrian National Defence Academy.
- Administrative Details and Agenda:** Further detailed information will be uploaded in time to the ESDC eLearning platform.

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Draft Programme (as of 29/01/2018)

Monday, 23/04/2018	Tuesday, 24/04/2018	Wednesday, 25/04/2018	Thursday, 26/04/2018
Arrival	0900 – 1030 The EU's institutions and goals 1030 – 1100 Coffee break 1100 – 1230 EU crisis management/CSDP engagement	0900 – 1030 Decision making/shaping in CSDP 1030 – 1100 Coffee break 1100 – 1230 Regional CSDP aspects: Western Balkans	0900 – 1030 Presentations of working groups 1030 – 1100 Coffee break 1100 – 1230 Emerging Security Challenges in the EU
	1230 – 1330 Lunch break	1230 – 1330 Lunch break	1230 – 1330 Lunch break
1230 – 1300 Registration 1300 – 1330 Welcome and administrative details 1330 – 1430 Keynote address: The European Union 1430 – 1500 Coffee break 1500 – 1630 European strategies and policies 1645 – 1800 Integrated Approach	1330 – 1500 CSDP civilian missions 1500 – 1530 Coffee break 1530 – 1700 CSDP military operations and missions	1330 – 1500 Regional CSDP aspects: Africa 1500 – 1530 Coffee break 1530 – 1700 Working Groups	1330 – 1430 Future perspectives of CSDP 1430 – 1500 Coffee breaks 1500 – 1600 Certificate ceremony
1800 – 1930 Ice-breaker reception			