

# ***EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE***



## **ESDC Course on the Strategic Planning Process of EU Missions and Operations**

**(Activity number 7)**

**- Curriculum -**

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## Aim

### 1. The course aims to provide participants with:

- An understanding of the conditions of the strategic planning of EU missions and operations with a focus on EU capabilities.
- A familiarity with level planning to ensure a wider comprehension of planning terminology and EU Crisis Response procedures, as well as of planning methodology at strategic level.
- An opportunity to develop a better understanding of the EU Crisis Response mechanism.
- A familiarity with planning within the EEAS and the wider field, developing better procedural linkages with other parts of the EU and greater coordination with international organisations (UN, NATO, AU, NGOs) to increase the comprehensiveness of CSDP challenges.
- Clearly identified CSDP standards and procedures.

## General description and organisation

2. **Starting point.** Participants would normally be senior police and military personnel (rank OF-5 equivalent) and civilians likely to be deployed on a crisis management mission/operation, or seconded to relevant EU bodies.

3. **Objectives.** At the end of the course the participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the contributions made by the EU Institutions involved in CSDP.
- Discuss and outline the various planning steps of CSDP missions and operations (civilian and military) at strategic level.

This course should also aim to take the opportunity to establish a network of people working in the field to enhance international civilian-military cooperation.

4. **Duration.** The course duration is 4 days.

- a. **Methodology.** During the course, consideration should be given to active methodologies like workshops, panels, plenary discussions, case-studies, exercises.
- b. **Lecturers** should include also independent experts, with non-institutional views.

## Overall structure

5. **Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL).** The course includes a mandatory IDL study of

- AKU1 'History Development of CFSP and CSDP'
- AKU 2 'European Security Strategy' and
- AKU6 'EU Mission Planning Procedures'.

## 6. Residential Module Outline.

The residential module will have the following theme sequence

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
ESDC Introduction	Crisis Management Procedures	EU Missions and Operations: Case Studies with Varying Cooperation Partners	Groupwork Result Presentations
The European Security Strategy and Strategic Planning in the EU	Civilian – Military Planning Process	Groupwork on CSDP Missions and Operations	Financing CSDP Operations and Missions
Development and structure of CSDP	European Capability Development		
EU Regional and Thematic Focus	Civilian-Military Planning Process: Case Studies		
Current CSDP Missions and Operations			

**NOTE:** The course programme can be adapted to current needs/ topics of interest, additional topics could be added in the programme as indicated in the course content.

7. **Course content.** The presentations and discussions could also give an update on current aspects and outline good practices covering the following topics:

- Shared civilian-military lessons reports, lessons of CSDP support to SSR and the first civilian-military annual lessons learned and best practices report for 2011 and further;
- The Göteborg Programme for the Prevention of Violent Conflict in the present institutional set-up;
- EU Monitoring Missions - SSR and DDR;
- Rapid Deployment;
- Gender, Human Rights, Children in Armed Conflicts, Protection of Civilians;
- The Comprehensive Approach to Crisis Management;
- Complementarities and Sustainability: Crisis Management and other external EU instruments;
- Police Strengthening, Justice, Integrated Border Management;
- Cooperation with other actors: in the area of Freedom, Justice and Security;
- International Organisations and Third States
- NGOs and CSOs
- Simulation exercise: drafting a Crisis Management Concept for Civilian CSDP action.

## 8. Materials

- CSDP Handbook.
- New CSDP lessons reports in 2011-12
- Lessons of CME 11 (doc 116962/12 EU RESTRICTED)
- Lessons of CSDP support for Security Sector Reform (doc 11107/12 EU RESTRICTED)
- First Common Civilian-Military Annual CSDP Lessons Learned and Best Practices Report for 2011 (11117/12 EU RESTRICTED)

- Lessons and best practices for CSDP from the European Union Police Force Training (EUPFT) 2008-2010 (doc 18536/11)
- European Court of Auditors Special Report No 18 – EU assistance to Kosovo related to the Rule of Law
- Relevant EU policy documents and guidelines.