

# **EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE**



## **CSDP Orientation Course**

(Activity number - 3)

**- CURRICULUM -**

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## Aim

1. **The course aims to provide participants with :**
  - a. a broad understanding of CSDP. In particular, participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes.
  - b. the opportunity to create a network of people working in the field of CSDP.
  - c. Member States (MS) and EU Institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP- related fields at strategic level.

## General description and organisation

2. **Starting point:** participants would normally be mid-level officials of MS and EU Institutions, with some previous experience in security policy matters.

The Course is open also to participants from candidate countries, third countries, international organisations and NGO's, depending on the number of places available .

3. **Cognitive 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.
  - ✓ Appreciate the relevance of the comprehensive approach in CSDP, in particular in the field of CSDP missions and operations.
  - ✓ Identify key elements within EU policy documents in the area of CSDP (e.g. ESS, HGs).
4. **Affective objectives.** At the end of the course the participant should be ready to:
  - ✓ Openly act and actively contribute when in the international EU environment.
  - ✓ Demonstrate a critical view of CSDP functioning.
  - ✓ Be sensitive to the civ-mil co-ordination aspects and challenges.
5. **Duration.** The total course duration is of 1 week: it is a residential course, preceded by mandatory Internet- Based Distance Learning (IDL) self-study, composed of at least 4 Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs).
6. **Methodology.** While the IDL module serves to impart notional knowledge and establish a common base, the residential module is to focus on in-depth knowledge in relevant areas.
  - a. The IDL module will comprise the full AKU content , plus test pass criteria for completion, offering also optional reading sources, group communication facilities, and technical support.
  - b. During the residential module, consideration will be given to active methodologies like workshops, exercises, discussion groups.

NOTE:

  - \* If necessary, topics covered in the IDL will be explored with participative analytical methods
  - \*\* Lecturers should include independent experts, with non-institutional views.

## Overall structure

7. **Internet-based Distance Learning (IDL).**

The IDL will include as mandatory study

AKU 1 'History and Context of CSDP Development',

AKU 2 'European Security Strategy',

AKU 3 'Role of EU institutions in the field of CFSP/CSDP and

AKU 7 'The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the CSDP'.

Based on the focus, other available AKU's for study on a mandatory or voluntary basis could be made available.

8. **Residential Module Outline.** The residential module will have the following theme sequence

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
ESDC introduction	CSDP Policies (2)	CSDP capabilities	Horizontal issues (SSR, Gender)	Thematic focus e.g. Non proliferation of WMD
ESS including internal security	Decision-making processes in CSDP	CSDP missions and operations	Partnership and Co-operation	Critical reflection and CSDP perspectives
Role of EU Institutions	Supporting structures (EDA, EUSC..)	Comprehensive approach – Case study	Working groups	
CSDP Policies (1)				

**NOTE:** The residential module programme can be adapted to current needs/ topics of interest.

9. **Contents for teaching.** The presentations and discussions should consolidate the knowledge acquired during the IDL phase, and critically examine the following topics:

- EU Institutional Framework (Treaties, European Parliament, Council, Commission and the Member States).
- Key CSDP documents (ESS, Headline Goals).
- EU Decision -Making in Crisis Management.
- Civil-Military co-ordination in CSDP missions and operations.
- CSDP missions and operations (characteristics, challenges and effects).
- Coherence of EU action in crisis management (instruments and partners).
- Working with Partners and International Organisations.
- Horizontal issues, SSR, Gender and human rights aspects in CSDP or regional focus/thematic.

10. **Materials.**

- CSDP Handbook
  - On-line CSDP presentation materials of EU Institutions to be recommended for consultation prior to the residential course. Updated EU publications to be made available during the residential module.
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