

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE



Civilian aspects of EU crisis management

Standard Curriculum -

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Aim

Participants should:

- Develop awareness on how effective civilian aspects of crisis management should match with EU operational needs in the field of CSDP,
 - Acquire a common approach and understanding on EU civilian crisis management,
 - Analyse and identify possible synergies between CSDP and other EU civilian crisis management policies, instruments and capabilities,
 - Understand the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on civilian aspects of EU crisis management and different instruments available to the EU in this domain.
1. This curriculum is developed to enhance a common understanding of civilian aspects of EU crisis management among personnel of Member States, EU institutions and relevant agencies involved in EU crisis management.
 2. Create a network of people working in this field of work.

General description and Organisation

3. **Target audience.** The participants should have a basic knowledge of CSDP and experience of EU crisis management (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Police and other relevant services, EU Institutions and Agencies, etc.)
4. **Cognitive Objectives.** At the end of the course the participant will be able to:
 - ✓ Explain the policy rationale and the landmarks of the civilian aspects of EU crisis management, including the main lessons identified from civilian CSDP missions.
 - ✓ Describe the main actors that play a role in EU crisis management and explain the overall EU crisis management decision-making process,
 - ✓ Demonstrate an understanding of the EU civilian capability development process and explain the main challenges it faces both at Member State and EU level
 - ✓ Outline the mechanisms of financing and related legal aspects for EU civilian crisis management.
5. **Affective objectives.** At the end of the course, the participants will value the importance of civilian aspects of EU crisis management and defend the importance of coordination between EU crisis management stakeholders and other international actors.
6. **Duration.** The module will last approximately three to four working days.
7. **Methodology.** Topics are examined through Internet Distance Learning (IDL), lectures, plenary discussions, exercise and working groups. Each participant will be encouraged to take an active role and will have the opportunity to ask questions. Reading material for individual study and the exercise is provided in advance of the module in order to assure a common basic level of knowledge of EU crisis management procedures and actors and prepare the exercise respectively. Whenever possible workshops and group discussions can be favoured to deepen the understanding of certain areas.

Overall structure

8. **Module Program.** Every Module on ESDP programme shall be based on the Generic Common Module on ESDP programme shown below:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Introduction A- Historical background of civilian aspects of crisis management B- EU crisis management decision-making process C- Financing of Civilian CSDP mission D- Lessons Learned of EU missions (e.g. EUJUST THEMIS Georgia; EUMM Georgia; EULEX Kosovo, EUPM BiH, EUPOL Afghanistan, ...) Study trip	A – Enhancing EU civilian crisis management capabilities (e.g. force generation for civilian missions and national strategies, training) B –Rapid deployment of EU civilian crisis management capabilities (e.g. procurement/equipment; warehouse, CRT pool and pool of EU SSR experts) C – From Theory to Practice: Coordination on a strategic and operational level (e.g. coordination between the EU and other international organizations; civilian-military synergies; coordination with other EU instruments)	A - Exercise (e.g. EUSSR Guinea-Bissau) B – Conclusions C - Evaluation / deliverance of certificate.

9. The Course Programme can be adapted according to recent needs and to national education systems.

10. **Contents for teaching.** The common module on CSDP will focus on the general aspects of the EU civilian aspects of crisis management.

11. The presentations and discussions will generally focus on the following topics:

- Historical context of crisis management
- EU crisis management decision-making process
- Lessons learned of civilian CSDP missions
- Enhancing EU civilian crisis management capabilities (CHG 2008/2010)
- Rapid deployment of EU crisis management
- Civ-Civ and Civ-Mil Coordination on a strategic and operational level
- Challenges of civilian crisis management

12. Materials :

- AKU 2 European security Strategy/ AKU 4 CSDP planning process/ AKU 5 EU Crisis Management development process (mandatory) - AKU 1 History of CSDP AKU 3 EU Institutions in CSDP (Optional) -
- CSDP Handbook
- ESDP background on www.iss.europa.eu/
- <http://europa.eu>
- <http://esdc.consilium.europa.eu>
- CSDP newsletter
- <http://eeas.europa.eu>
- <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showPage.aspx?id=261&lang=EN>