Curriculum

To be reviewed by
February 2019

Activity number
3

CSDP Orientation Course

ECTS
2

Target audience
Participants would normally be mid-level staff from MS and EU Institutions and Agencies, with some previous experience in security policy matters. The Course is open also to participants from candidate countries, third countries, international organisations and NGOs, depending on the number of places available and decision of MS offering the course.

Aim
The course aims to provide participants with a broad understanding of CSDP. In particular, participants will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes. Participants will have opportunity to create a network of people working in the field of CSDP.

The final goal of the CSDP Orientation Course is to support EU Member States and EU Institutions and Agencies in training own personnel in order to be able to work in CSDP-related fields at operational and strategic level.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge
• explain organisational structure, decision-making processes in the EU and the relevant European Union bodies
• identify the elements of the EU integrated approach to external conflict and crisis
• knows the objectives of the EU Global Strategy
• summarize the principles of CSDP missions and operations
• summarize the capability development mechanism
• explain the partnership and cooperation with third countries and other players

Skills
• identify lessons and good practices in the context of CSDP
• integrate the civ-mil coordination aspects and challenges
• apply the integrated approach in the field of CSDP missions and operations

Competences
• analyse and formulate arguments why/when/where CSDP missions might be needed
• compare and demonstrate lessons identified in CSDP environment
• adapt CSDP to the future challenges

Evaluation and verification of learning outcomes
The course is evaluated according to the Kirkpatrick model: it makes use of level 1 evaluation (based on participant’s satisfaction with the course).

In order to complete the course, participants have to accomplish all learning objectives, which are evaluated based on the active contribution in the residential Module, including their syndicate session and practical activities as well as on their completion of the eLearning phases: course participants finalise the autonomous knowledge units (AKUs) and pass the tests (mandatory), scoring at least 80% in the incorporated out-test/quiz. Active observation by the course director/lead instructor and feedback questionnaire filled by course participants at the end of the course is used.

However, no formal verification of learning outcome is foreseen; proposed ECTS is based on participants' workload only.

Course structure

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| EU crisis management structures | 9 (3) | • EU structures ruled by the EU Member State’s: European Council; Council of Ministers; Political and Security Committee; EU Military Committee; Committee for Civilian Aspects; Political and Military Group  
• EEAS crisis management structures: Deputy General Secretary for CSDP; Prevention of Conflicts, Rule of Law/Security Sector Reform, Integrated Approach, Stabilisation and Mediation (PRISM); Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD); Security Policy Directorate (SECPOL); EU Military Staff (EUMS) and the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC); Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC); Intelligence and Analysis Centre (EU IntCen)  
• Supporting structures: EU Satellite Centre, European Defence Agency, European Security and Defence College, EU Institute for Security Studies |
| CSDP procedures and decision making process | 5 (3) | • Political Framework for Crisis Approach (PFCA)  
• Guidelines for the CSDP crisis management procedures |
| CSDP missions and operations and the Capabilities Development | 5 | • Capability Development Mechanism/Plan  
• Civilian and Military Headline Goals  
• Civilian and Military Capabilities Development  
• EU CSDP missions and operations deployed on the field |
| Horizontal issues and regional aspects of CSDP | 8 (3) | • Horizontal issues such as Security Sector Reform, Migration, Non-Proliferation, Gender, Human and Children Rights, Terrorism  
• Regional aspects such as Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, Horn of Africa, Middle East, Mediterranean  
• Partnerships with third countries (incl. FPA) and International Organisations (i.e. UN, OSCE, NATO, AU). |
| EU’s Comprehensive Approach | 4 | • Joint Communication on the Comprehensive Approach  
• The role of CSDP within the integrated approach  
• EU Comprehensive Approach action plan  
• EU comprehensive/integrated approach in practice |
| Syndicate assignment | 9 (3) | • Elaborate common reflection points [working groups] |
| **TOTAL** | **46 (15)** | |

**Materials**

- CSDP Handbook
- **Essential eLearning:**
  - AKU 1 History and context of ESDP/CSDP development
  - AKU 2 on European Global Strategy
  - AKU 4 CSDP crisis management structures and chain of command
  - AKU 6 CSDP decision shaping/making
- Syndicate materials, scenario, other documents provided by Course director

**Recommended study on voluntary basis:**

- AKU 25 EU Mutual Assistance Clause

**Additional information**

Pre-course questionnaire on learning expectations and possible briefing topic from the specific area of expertise may be used.

All course participants have to prepare for the residential module by going through the relevant eLearning preparatory phase, which is mandatory.

In order to facilitate discussion between course participants and trainers/experts/guest speakers, the **Chatham House Rule** is used during the residential Module: “participants to the CSDP HLC are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed”.

* The participants are invited to agree on being photographed or filmed during the training sessions; the pictures or films can be used by the ESDC or concerned ESDC network partners in relation with CSDP related training delivered within the Network.