

Curriculum

To be reviewed by <i>February 2019</i>	Activity number 11	ESDC Security Sector Reform (SSR) Core Course	ECTS 2
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<p><u>Target audience</u></p> <p><i>Participants should be preferably middle to senior level professionals deployed or just about to be deployed in support of a bilateral, regional or multilateral mission to support security and justice reform within EU or EU Member State and/ or partner country structures. The course is also open to those involved in programming, programme management and/or in political/policy dialogue in the wider context of SSR.</i></p> <p><i>Priority is given to personnel from the EU Member States.</i></p>	<p><u>Aim</u></p> <p>The course aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and competencies on the concept and principles of SSR as part of the EU's comprehensive approach and other related EU policy and concepts in particular "the EU wide strategic framework in support on Security Sector Reform". It will highlight the key components of SSR, the various tools and techniques used by SSR practitioner and the challenges that an SSR advisor could face. It also develops examples of good practice through the collective sharing of experience and provides tools to address future challenges and assess the needs in relation to SSR.</p> <p>The course also aims to strengthen a network of SSR experts, with a common understanding of EU SSR.</p>
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Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and differentiate between the notion of security, the security sector and security sector reform Explain the concept and evolution of SSR, including such issues as contexts, principles, programme areas and the highly political nature of SSR Describe the key policy frameworks and actors involved in SSR, including the UN, OSCE, NATO, and with a special emphasis on the EU and the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council - Elements for an EU-wide strategic framework to support SSR Examine the challenges of supporting SSR in post-conflict or fragile environments Recognize key cross-cutting issues in SSR programming such as governance and gender Identify the major aspects of the assessment, analysis, design, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SSR programmes Create a space for participants to share experiences and draw from personal lessons learned and good practices
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a practical understanding around the key characteristics of SSR based on discussions, exercises and case studies Demonstrate the importance of working complementarity across the various sub-components of SSR in post-conflict or fragile environments Place SSR within the international and national contexts, and explain how the context has an impact on the approach to be taken Improve collaboration with other national and international actors from the various segments of the security sector and related programmes
	Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess political commitment to reform, likely sources of resistance and ways in which its support can build constituencies that may come to support the change process Seek synergies with other international actors and seek to build consensus with them in the field of SSR programming Develop indicators to measure the success of SSR programmes as part of systematic monitoring and evaluation Discuss various dilemmas related to being an advisor Compare and demonstrate lessons identified and successes of the EU Comprehensive and integrated Approach to external conflict and crises in the field of EU support to SSR programmes Provide participants with theoretical and practical knowledge which will be directly applicable in their daily work as SSR practitioner.

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		
Main Topic	Recommended Working Hours (of that eLearning)	Contents
Fundamental aspects of SSR	7 - up to 18 hours depending on course length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Concept of SSR • Actors of the Security Sector • Ensuring governance and oversight of the Security Sector • SSR in post conflict or fragile contexts • The role of Non-state actors in SSR (including Civil Society) • Coordination and working across sub-sectors in SSR programming
EU SSR and other relevant SSR Policy and Frameworks	4 - up to 8 hours depending on course length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU and SSR (including the Joint communication : Elements for an EU-wide strategic framework to support SSR and the EU Comprehensive Approach) • UN and SSR • OSCE and SSG/R • NATO and SSR and DSR
Supporting the implementing EU SSR programmes	27-33	<p>[At least three of the following:]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence Sector Reform • Police Reform • Integrated Border Management • Intelligence reform • Justice reform, Informal and Transitional Justice • Penal and Corrections Service Reform • Case studies (<i>across the various sessions and/ or also have dedicated sessions on specific case studies</i>) • Experience sharing (participant presentations) • Gender and SSR (implementing UNSCR 1325 in SSR) (<i>In addition to a mainstreamed approach on this</i>)
EU SSR related programmes and Cross cutting issues	4-8	<p>Electives/ optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDR (recommended 2 units) • Small Arms and Light Weapons / Physical Security and Stockpile Management of Storage Sites (recommended 2 units) • Building Integrity / Anti-corruption
TOTAL	42-67 (9)	The residential phase of the course will be 5 - 8 days. The total hours includes 9 hrs of pre-course preparation/ reading.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Materials</u></p> <p><i>Essential available e-learning:</i> AKU 2 The European Security Strategy; AKU 6 EU Decision Shaping/Making; AKU 10 EU Mediation and Dialogue Capacities AKU 11A Gender and the UNSCR 1325 Introduction to SSR [ISSAT module] Fundamentals of Strategic Advising in Reform Environments [ISSAT module]</p> <p><i>Reading material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Joint communication: Elements for an EU-wide strategic framework to support security sector reform (05.07.2016)</i> - Summary of international policy framework on SSR - Country-specific background note(s) and or press articles/ reports - CSDP Guidelines for mentoring and advising - UNSCR 2151 - AU Policy Framework on SSR - SSR in a Nutshell - Videos related to specific thematic areas 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional information</u></p> <p>[Optional] Pre-course questionnaire on learning expectations and reading material can be sent to the participants before the beginning of the course.</p> <p>All course participants have to prepare for the residential module by going through the relevant eLearning preparatory phase, which is mandatory. The number of AKU's included in the e-learning module is decided by the Course director, but should not be fewer than two.</p> <p>In order to facilitate discussion between course participants and trainers/experts/guest speakers, the Chatham House Rule is enforced during the residential Module: "<i>participants 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</i>".</p>
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