



**Invitation to the  
CSDP Orientation Course**  
(Training Activity Number 25-26/3/12)

Dr. Franjo Tuđman Defence and Security University has the pleasure and honour of organizing, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course, which will be held in Split, Croatia, from 13 to 17 April 2026.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of the ESDC training activities with the aim to develop and promote a broad understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The main aim of the Course is to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners in the global security environment. The course provides a general overview of the civilian and military aspects of the CSDP. In particular, participants will be introduced to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes. Participants will be offered the opportunity to join a network of professionals working in the field of CSDP.

Participants are generally entry/mid-level staff (police, military, diplomats and civilians) from Member States, EU institutions, bodies, and agencies, as well as third countries and international organisations, with some experience in security policy matters.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply.

We would be pleased if you could nominate suitable candidates for this training activity. It would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, who are well equipped to work in CSDP-related fields.

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**CSDP Orientation Course  
Split, Croatia, 13 - 17 April 2026**

**Administrative Instructions**

**Target Audience:** The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States and EU Institutions/Agencies and CSDP Missions and Operations. The course is also open to participants from third countries and international organizations.

**Nomination:** The total number of participants is limited to 30.

**Applications:** Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, no later than **9 March 2026**. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Each nominator is kindly requested to nominate participants, by order of preference. Registration will be final, when confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participant list is finalised, the course administration will contact selected participants and provide them with more detailed information on the course.

Applications from third countries and international organisations should be sent by email to [jugoslav.jozic@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:jugoslav.jozic@eeas.europa.eu), by the institution or organisation receiving this invitation. The application should indicate the candidate's full name (as it appears in the official documents used for accessing course venues), and their personal email address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted), nationality, passport number and expiry date, date of birth and institution, as well as the reason why this course would be of benefit to them.

**Registration & deadline:** The registration period will end on **11 March 2026**. Registration will be final when it has been confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the ENLIST registration form has been completed by the nominated participant.

**Participants will be selected** by training providers and the ESDC Secretariat so as to achieve a suitable balance in terms of background, experience, gender and countries of origin by **12 March 2026**.

**Late registration:** Subject to availability of places, the course could be open for late registration. Please contact the course administration (details below).

**Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation.**

**eLearning:** The residential part of the course will be preceded by mandatory eLearning modules which must be completed before the residential part of the course starts; detailed information about this will be shared with confirmed course participants at a later stage.

**Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory during the entire course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the eLearning phase.

**Language:** The language regime of the CSDP applies (English, without interpretation).

**Location:** The course will be held at the Cora hotel, located at 39 Put Supavla, Split, Croatia, near the premises of the Dr. Franjo Tuđman Defense and Security University. Information on access will be shared with selected participants.



**Arrival and departure:** The course starts on Monday 13 April 2026 at 09:30 and will end on Friday 17 April 2026 at 13:00.

**Accommodation:** We can recommend Cora hotel and Time Boutique hotel. Due to the large number of participants requiring accommodation, special rates have been arranged. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for our participants, and these reservations are held until a specified deadline. We will provide the hotel contact details and a reservation code, which should be used to obtain the special rate. Details regarding accommodation bookings at special rates will be provided to selected participants.

**Course fees, daily allowances, costs:** as usual for ESDC courses, there is no course fee. Kindly note that neither the ESDC nor the training providers will pay daily allowances to participants. The sending authorities should cover all travel, accommodation and catering costs.

**Meals:** The hotel accommodation rate includes breakfast at both hotels (Cora & Time Boutique hotel). At Cora hotel, where the course will be held, a coffee break will be organized each morning at 11:00 am, the next break will be for lunch at 13:00 pm. Lunch is recommended at Restaurant Level, located across from Cora hotel, where special prices have been arranged for course participants. The special rates for the daily lunch will be provided to selected participants. The gala dinner and daily coffee breaks are free for all participants. If you have any special food requirements, the hotel is able to provide.

**Social event:** On April 15th, we have booked a local guide for a sightseeing tour of Split city centre. The tour will last two hours. The following day, a gala dinner will be arranged at Cora hotel.

**Dress code:** Business casual. For the photo and the presentation of certificates: business suit.

**Course Agenda:** A draft schedule of CSDP OC is attached to this document as Annex B. The final version of the CSDP OC schedule will be available to all registered participants no later than 13 March 2026 with detailed administrative information.

**Liabilities and insurance:** Any costs arising from medical emergencies should be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

**Diversity and Inclusion:** The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the Training Institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

**Supporting Services:** All administrative information, programmes and materials will be made available to the accepted participants through the College's e-learning platform (ILIAS)

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