

Meeting of the ESDC Executive Academic Board

11 November 2021

The meeting was held both in a residential and online format

Chair: Mr Mircea Mindrescu

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the last EAB Minutes.

The Board adopted the minutes of the 9 September EAB Meeting (ESDC/2021/202Rev1).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Chairmanship of the Executive Academic Board and of the EAB.IG

The board adopted the revision of the Rules of Procedure for EAB(ESDC/2021/214), including the procedure for the selection and prolongation of the Chair.

After a short discussion, the Board decided to prolong the mandate of the Chair, Mr. Mircea Mindrescu.

The Board decided to prolong the mandate of Col. Assoc. Prof. Harald GELL as Chair of the EAB.IG for the Academic Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

4. EAB Cyber.

The Board was briefed on the cyber activities and the related points it is endorsed by EAB Cyber.

5. Approval of new pilot courses

The EAB endorse the following courses as a new pilot to the SC:

- *CSDP Research Seminar (14-16.03.2021), in Athens, GR*
- *Course on data Governance (Cyber ETEE platform)*
- *The EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade (Cyber ETEE platform)*

- *Cyber Range - Defence Capabilities (Cyber ETEE platform)*
- *Cyber Range – Cybersecurity in practice (Cyber ETEE platform)*
- *Pentester tools - basic course (Cyber ETEE platform)*

The Board endorse also the following course as a pilot, presented by MPS Ops Center :

- *Integrated Order Management AY 2022-2023*

6. ESDC Network

The representatives of potential new ESDC members/partners briefed the Board on their organisations, the projects planned and new courses to be run together with the ESDC following their inclusion in the network:

- *Donau Universität Krems (DUK) AT*

The representative of the EAB.Cyber will inform the Board about potential new ESDC members/partners who have requested to become Member of the EAB.Cyber.

- *Oglaigh na hEireann Irish Defence Forces , (EAB.Cyber)*
- *Albstadt-Sigmaringen University, Germany (EAB Cyber)*

The Board advise the Steering Committee on the acceptance of the above mentioned authorities/institutes as acceding members of the ESDC Network.

7. . Evaluation reports of recent ESDC training activities

The Board endorsed the following evaluation reports:

- *ESDC/2021/242 Evaluation Report of the 21-22/PILOT/6 Advanced Diplomatic Skills for Security and Defence, 25-28.10.2021, WUT & EGMONT, Brussels, residential – PILOT, .proposed as standard course with the following name: "Advanced Diplomacy for Security and Defence"*
- *ESDC/2021/204 Evaluation Report – Basic Analysis Course (BAC), 20 September – 01 October 2021, Hellenic Joint Intelligence School, Athens, Greece – PILOT*

The Board advised that the above pilot courses will be approved as standard ESDC courses by the Steering Committee.

- *ESDC/2021/232 Evaluation Report – 16th CSDP HLC Module 3 Paris*
- *ESDC/2021/128 Evaluation report – The Role of the EU Cyber Ecosystem in the Global Cyber Security Stability, 17-21 May 2021, Estonian MFA, online*
- *ESDC/2021/237 Evaluation Report – Climate Change and Security, 11-14 October 2021, Cyprus Security & Defence Academy, Larnaca, Cyprus*
- *ESDC/2021/221, Evaluation Report - CSDP Orientation Course, EUMS, 20-24 September 2021, Brussels*
- *ESDC/2021/222, Evaluation Report - CSDP Capability Development Course, CASD & EUMS, 11-15 October 2021, Rome*
- *ESDC/2021-174 Evaluation Report - International Contracting Course (ICC), 7-18 Jun 21, Vienna, AT*

- *ESDC/2021-224 Evaluation Report - CSDP CM 3-7 May 2021, Turin, IT*
- *ESDC/2021-225 Evaluation Report - Biosafety & Bioterrorism CM, 17-21 May 2021, Turin, IT*
- *ESDC/2021-226 Evaluation Report - the challenges of securing maritime areas for the EU, 1-4 June 2021, IHEDN*
- *ESDC/2021-227 Evaluation Report - the challenges of securing maritime areas for the EU, 25-28 May 2021, RO*
- *ESDC/2021-228 Evaluation Report - CSDP CM 21-25 June 2021, FAFA, FR*
- *ESDC/2021/205 Evaluation Report - Advanced Modular Training Module 2B, 05-09 July 2021, CASD & SWEDINT, Online*
- *ESDC/2021/206 Evaluation Report - CSDP Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR), 21-23 September 2021, CESEDN, Madrid, ES*
- *ESDC/2021/244 Evaluation Report – Strategic Communication in the Context of Security and Defence (STRATCOM)*

During the meeting, the following course was presented:

- *ESDC/2021/251 Evaluation Report - ESDC Basic Course on SSR 20-22 October 2021, CNAI, Bucharest.*

The Board will consider the above course endorsed if no objections will be made during the period of 15 days from the publication of this draft in accordance with the regulations.

8. ESDC course curriculum template

The EAB endorse the proposed revised draft course curriculum template (Doc: ESDC/2021/198REV1, dated 15 October 2021)

9. Revision of ESDC Curricula

The Board identified the course curricula that will be open for revision during the EAB meeting in February (document ESDC/2021/239 Rev.1), and decided on which of these should be delegated to different configurations of the Board. The Board also identified the courses should be opened to third states or international organisations and under which conditions.

EAB members are invited to send the revised curricula by January 31st.

10. Civil-Military Cooperation Centre of Excellence Contribution to the ESDC Training programme.

The Hague-based Civil-Military Cooperation Centre of Excellence briefed the EAB on potential training opportunities to be organised under the umbrella of the ESDC during academic year 2021-2022 and tentatively for 2023. The offer for 2023 derives from the draft Training Requirements Analysis Report to be soon presented to the EU Military Training Group. The Board approved the offer.

11. Administrative Instructions

The Board was informed about the ESDC Admin Instructions 2022 I (Interns) the ESDC Administrative Instruction II (financing activities) 2022), and ESDC Administrative Instruction III /2022 (financial support for CCTs).

12. E-Learning development. Call for support.

The Secretariat informed the Board about the efforts on e-Learning and asked for support in the development of the new material and revision of the old one. The Secretariat as well asked the Board to nominate the POC for the development of the new material.

13. AOB

The Head of the ESDC informed the Board about the new offices of ESDC.

Some members asked if there is any regulation regarding the presence in person in the courses.

The Board agrees that the courses should normally be carried out with as many people as possible in presence, in accordance with the anti-covid-19 rules.

EAB planned meetings during the academic year 2021-2022

23-24 February 2022, Brussels – curricula development

09 June 2022 (afternoon), during Module 4 of the 17th CSDP High Level Course.

08 September 2022 (all day meeting)

10 November 2022 (all day meeting)