



**Invitation to the
European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum course on
EU history and core values**

(Activity No 25-26/EUMSSF/300/1)

Lisbon, 20 to 24 April 2026

The Colégio Militar (Portugal), in collaboration with the Cyprus Security and Defence Academy and under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, is honoured to host a course on EU History and Core Values. The event will take place in Lisbon from 20 to 24 April 2026.

This course, designed specifically for military secondary school students, aims to deepen participants' understanding of the European Union—its history, core values, and guiding principles. Through this training, we seek to foster knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will empower students to promote EU values and contribute to a stronger Europe.

We warmly invite you to join us in this important educational initiative and look forward to the valuable perspectives and insights your students will bring.

Colonel Alexandre MOURA

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Colégio Militar**

Fergal Ó REGAN

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**Head European Security and
Defence College**

Colonel Symeon ZAMBAS

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**Director Cyprus Security and
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Please note that any minors among the participants must remain under the legal responsibility and adult supervision of personnel from their sending schools for the entire duration of the course.

Target Group: This course is open exclusively to students from schools within the EU Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF). Schools that are EUMSSF members or associated members from non-EU countries are invited to nominate participants.

Seats and Nominations: There are 24 places available for international students. Schools are encouraged to nominate up to three students (gender-balanced), in order of priority. The course requires a minimum of 10 international participants to proceed.

Applications: All applications must be submitted exclusively through Forms ([Application 4th Course "EU History and Core Values" - Lisbon 20 to 24 April 2026](#)) by 27 February 2026.

Language: English.

Attendance: Full attendance is mandatory throughout the course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to participants who complete all sessions and the mandatory e-learning modules. The course will take place at Colégio Militar, in Lisbon.

E-Learning: The course includes a mandatory e-learning module to be completed by 17 April 2026.

Costs:

- **Students:** All travel expenses are the responsibility of the sending authorities. *Accommodation and meals during the activity are covered by the host institution.*
- **Accompanying Staff (Teachers):** Travel, accommodation, and meals (excluding lunch) are to be covered by the sending authorities.

Dress Code:

- **Students:** Service uniform.
- **Accompanying Staff (Teachers):** Jacket and tie or service uniform.

Liabilities and Insurance: Sending institutions must ensure that students and teachers have civil liability insurance valid throughout the course in Portugal. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants (It is advisable that they carry the European Health Insurance Card).

Confirmation: The course format and whether it will take place (contingent upon reaching the minimum participant number) will be confirmed by 6 March 2026. Please refrain from booking flights or accommodation until confirmation is received.

Registration: Registration is provisional until confirmed by the course director or the school.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME - EU HISTORY AND CORE VALUES

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Monday 20/4/2026	Tuesday 21/4/2026	Wednesday 22/4/2026	Thursday 23/4/2026	Friday 24/4/2026
Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC
09.00-09.20 Registration	09.00-09.50 Lecture	09.00-09.50 Lecture	<p>Workshop on Disinformation in the Era of Permacrisis</p> <p><i>(Opened to all the EUMSSF network and with the participation of the Ambassadors of EU Member States in Lisbon)</i></p>	09.00-11.00 Closing Lecture &
09.20-09.50 Introduction to the course and Opening Lectures	09.50- 10.40 Lecture	09.50- 10.40 Lecture		Participant Presentations
09.50-10.10 Coffee Break	10.40-11.00 Coffee break	10.40-11.00 Coffee break		11.00-12.00 Closing remarks Certificates
10.10-11.50 Presentation of participants (<i>tour de table</i>)	11.00- 11.50 Lecture	11.00- 11.50 Lecture		12.30 Group Photo with Flags
11.50-12.10 Break	11.50-12.10 Break	11.50-12.10 Break		11.00-12.00 Checkout
12.10-13.00 Opening Lecture	12.10-13.00 Lecture	12.10-13.00 Lecture		
13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.00 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Ambassadors Lunch	13.00-14.30 Lunch break
14.30-15.30 Lecture	14.00-23.00 Lisbon Tour	14.30-23.00 Lisbon tour & Informal dinner	14.30-19.00 Working Group Activity (Students)	
15.30-17.00 Coffee break and school tour			15.00-17.00 20th EUMSSF Meeting	
			16.30-19.30 School activities (TBD)	