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Abbreviations

AKU - Autonomous Knowledge Unit
AMT - Advanced Modular Training
BOEI - Basic Officer Education Institution
CCDCOE - Cooperative Cyber Defence
Centre of Excellence
CEPOL - European Union Agency for Law
Enforcement Training
CFSP - Common Foreign and Security
Policy
CM - Common Module
CoE - Centre of Excellence
CPCC - Civilian Planning and Conduct
Capability
CSDP - Common Security and Defence
Policy
CSDP DocSch - European Doctoral School
on the Common Security and Defence
Policy
DDR - Disarmament, Demobilisation and
Reintegration
DG CNECT - Directorate-General for
Communications Networks, Content and
Technology
DG GROW - Directorate-General for
Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs
EAB - Executive Academic Board
EaP - Eastern Partnership
ECTS - European Credit Transfer and
Accumulation System
EDA - European Defence Agency
EEAS - European External Action Service
EQF - European Qualifications Framework
ESDC - European Security and Defence
College
ESDC TM - ESDC Training Manager

ETEE Cyber - Cyber Education, Training,
Exercise and Evaluation Platform
EU European Union
EUCTG - EU Civilian Training Group
EUIBA - EU Institutions, Bodies and
Agencies
EUISS - EU Institute for Security Studies
EUMS - EU Military Staff
EUPCST - EU Police and Civilian Services
Training
EUROPOL - EU Agency for Law
Enforcement Cooperation
HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness
Training
IAPTC - International Association of
Peacekeeping Training Centres
IG - Implementation Group in support of
Military Erasmus
IMAF - International Military Academic
Forum
IPSTC - International Peace Support
Training Centre
MPCC - Military Planning and Conduct
Capability
PDT - Pre-Deployment Training
PSC - Political and Security Committee
SATCEN - European Union Satellite
Centre
SQF-MILOF - Sectoral Qualifications
Framework for the Military Officer
Profession
SSR - Security Sector Reform
TRA - Training Requirement Analysis
WGMOT - Working Group on CSDP
Missions and Operations-related Training

Introduction

In a global security environment that is growing ever more complex and uncertain, marked by the on-going unprovoked war of aggression by Russia against Ukraine, and growing instability in the Middle East and beyond, we must, together with our partners, or if necessary relying on our own capacities, ensure that we can deal rapidly and effectively with the widespread geopolitical tensions and multiple crisis management challenges.



As an autonomous EU body entrusted by the Member States with the task of training and educating civilian and military personnel to face these increasingly complex and fast-moving global security challenges, the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) must constantly review and re-evaluate how to optimise its actions to ensure maximum impact with limited resources. Our training programmes and activities, ranging from leadership development and crisis management to cybersecurity and hybrid threat awareness, are constantly fine-tuned to meet the evolving training and education needs in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). Through our network of civilian and military institutes, universities and EU agencies, bodies and institutions, we foster cooperation and ensure our participants are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to global peace and to enhance our security and defence. Indeed, the network structure of the ESDC is a point of strength, allowing the ESDC to leverage and coordinate the significant resources at national level and to build the linkages that will make the Union stronger and more capable.

The ESDC regularly updates and reinforces its training and education programmes to align with the evolving demands, strengthening the EU's resilience against the multifaceted security and defence risks. Our work also serves as an important diplomatic tool by strengthening the EU's strategic partnerships in key areas, most notably with Ukraine. Our ever deepening work with NATO training structures is mutually beneficial and will become all the more important in the challenging times that may lie ahead. In this respect, the ESDC is in line with and reinforces the EU's Strategic Compass for Security and Defence to *act, invest, partner and secure* and the Civilian CSDP Compact to make civilian missions more effective, flexible and responsive.

2025 marks the 20th year of the ESDC, a milestone in which we will continue to evolve our programmes and embrace new technologies to meet the security and defence needs of the EU and our partners. In close collaboration with the Member States, whose invaluable contributions are the foundation of its existence, the ESDC will continue to deliver cutting-edge training and education to address these challenges.

This Annual Report provides an overview of the ESDC's activities and accomplishments over the past academic year, reflecting its ongoing commitment to excellence and its role in fostering a robust European security culture. This is the nineteenth General Annual Report since the ESDC's establishment in 2005, and will be provided to relevant Council bodies as input for the Final Training Report on CSDP training.

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Governance Structure

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Governance structure

The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee oversees the ESDC's strategic direction. Comprising representatives from each EU Member State, it meets at least four times per year to assess training requirements, approve training curricula and courses, provide guidance on educational priorities and approve new members of the ESDC's network. It also endorses the draft budget proposed by the Head.

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, who has the overall responsibility for the ESDC, appoints a representative to chair the Steering Committee.

The Executive Academic Board

The Executive Academic Board (EAB) is responsible for maintaining the quality and coherence of the ESDC's academic programmes. Comprising senior representatives from civilian and military training institutes in the Member States, the EAB develops training curricula and oversees the implementation of the annual

academic programme. It focuses inter alia on ensuring consistency in training across the ESDC's network of institutions. The EAB regularly evaluates training activities and provides academic advice to the Steering Committee.

Head of the ESDC and the ESDC Secretariat

The Head of the ESDC is the sole legal representative of the ESDC and is responsible for its financial and administrative management. The ESDC Secretariat, comprising mainly seconded national experts, provides administrative and operational support to all bodies of the ESDC. It assists the Head in managing daily operations, supports the organisation of training activities and ensures the overall quality of educational content. The Secretariat also coordinates the network of civilian and military institutes that contribute to the ESDC's training programmes, helping to sustain the college's collaborative approach. By managing both in-person and e-learning courses, the Secretariat plays a central role in the ESDC's ability to deliver high-quality, relevant training across the EU.

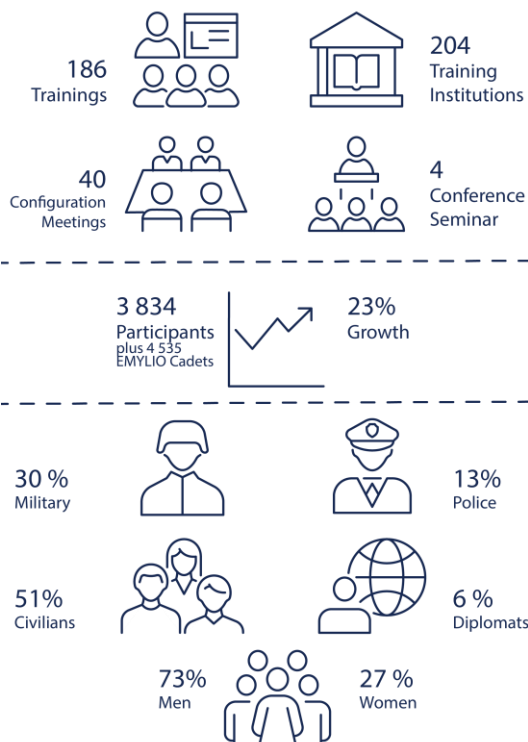


Overview Training

Overview of ESDC training and education

The ESDC’s mission consists in providing training and education in the field of the CSDP in the wider context of the CFSP, at EU and national level. The content of training, the speakers, as well as the audience, reflect the EU’s integrated approach to external conflicts and crises. Participants are usually a mix of civilian, military, police and diplomatic personnel, at various levels of experience and seniority, from entry level staff to senior management. Courses range from general preparatory courses, to highly focused courses across relevant thematic areas.

The ESDC runs numerous one-week “Orientation Courses” and “Pre-deployment Courses” that help newcomers to operate in a sometimes complex CSDP environment. In contrast, the “High Level Course” and the “Senior Strategic Course” serves the strategic training needs of highly experienced senior personnel, including Ambassadors, Directors and Generals. The High Level Course, which takes place once a year, brings together more than 70 participants for four, week-long, modules. The 19th edition (the ‘Manuel Marín González’ promotion) took place in 2023-24 in Brussels, Madrid, Paris, and Thessaloniki. The Senior Strategic Course was organised in Brussels, Berlin, and Paris. A more specialised version is the Advanced Modular Training for CSDP Strategic Crisis Management, which took place in Brussels, Thessaloniki, and Stockholm.



A notable innovation was the organisation of the first high-level seminar on EU Security and Defence for Members of the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE).

In 2023-2024 the ESDC offered an increased variety of courses dealing with highly specific thematic areas, such as cyber, countering hybrid threats and foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), mediation, security sector reform, or geo-economics, to only name a few. The annex to this report provides more detailed information on the courses offered in 2023-2024.

Developments within the E-Learning platform

E-Learning is an integral part of the training and education activities offered under the aegis of the ESDC. The ESDC is modernising its E-Learning programme using AI technologies and avatars, enhancing user engagement and creating an immersive learning environment. These tools allow for a modern, intuitive E-Learning design with seamless multimedia integration, including images, videos and interactive content, to make learning more dynamic and accessible. The streamlined process allows for agile updates to teaching materials, ensuring that content remains relevant and up to date. Collaboration with training institutes across Member States is essential for the success of this project.

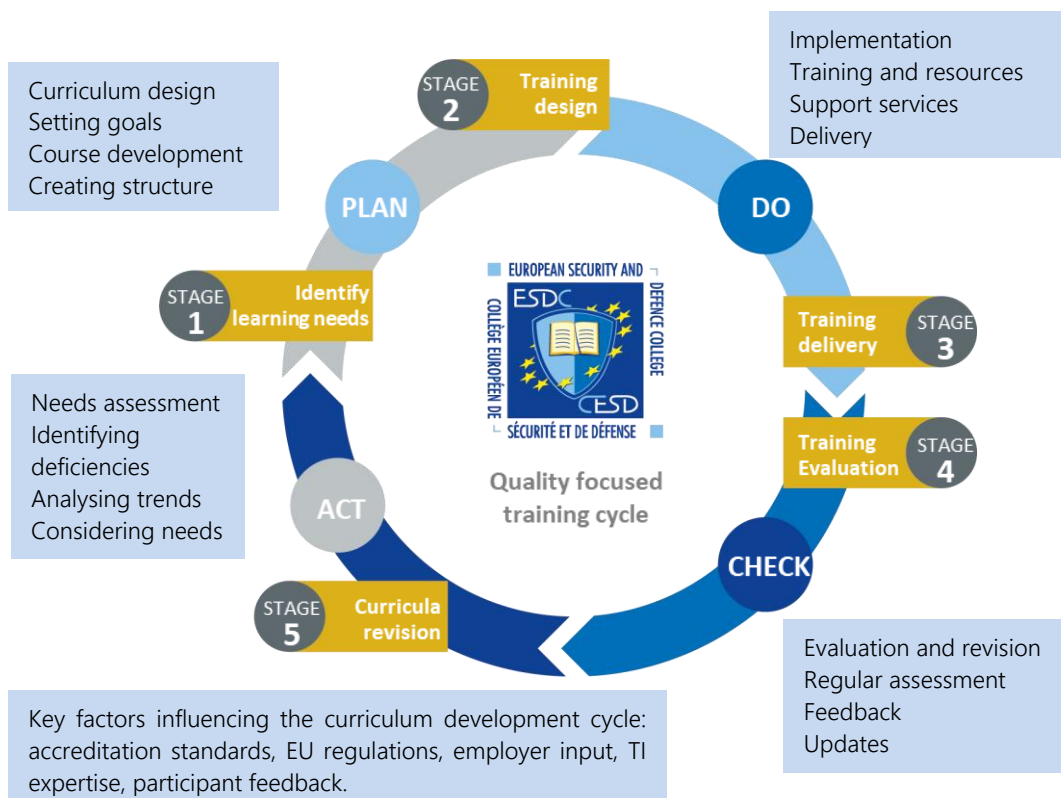
How We Work



How we work

The ESDC continuously analyses training needs working closely with the Member States and based on that develops, reviews and improves curricula, focusing on achieving relevant learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills, and competences. While the established curricula serve as a common standard to achieve the relevant learning outcomes, the methods used to implement curricula are at the discretion of the training institutes. All standard curricula are evaluated and re-evaluated in line with the

Kirkpatrick model, particularly level 1 evaluation (participants' satisfaction with the course is evaluated by way of an online questionnaire with a 1 to 6 rating). Level 3 evaluation (assessment of participants' long-term change in behaviour after the course) is conducted on a case-by-case basis. The ESDC curricula are reviewed and updated by the EAB, supported by the Secretariat, at least every two years to ensure strategic and operational relevance and academic excellence. These reviews are approved by the Steering Committee.



The EAB is responsible for ensuring the development and review of all courses. It organises the development and review of certain specialised ESDC courses with the invaluable assistance of the thematic configurations.

The thematic areas covered by specialised configurations are the European Initiative for the Exchange of Military Young Officers, inspired by Erasmus (Military Erasmus), Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (SSR/DDR), the Working Group on Missions and Operations-related Training (WG-MOT), the Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Military Officer Profession Executive Group (SQF-MILEG), the European Doctoral School on

CSDP, the European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF), the European Higher Military Education/-EU War Colleges Initiative, the Climate Security and Defence Training Platform (EU CSD TP), and the Cyber Education, Training, Exercise and Evaluation Platform (Cyber ETEE).

In the 2023-2024 academic year, the EAB, chaired- by Philipp Agathonos (Austria's Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs), met six times to provide expert input and offer academic advice to the ESDC. Its activities are mainly structured through thematic configurations or working groups that are described in the following pages.

Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (SSR/DDR)

The security sector reform (SSR) configuration was established in 2010 as a project-oriented configuration. In 2023, the SSR configuration was extended to include disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) of former combatants.

Training offers provided

In the 2023-2024 academic year, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence, in cooperation with the Austrian Centre for Peace, conducted two Core Courses on SSR (6-12 October 2023 and 15-21 March 2024).

The Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre conducted a basic course on SSR in Turin from 3 to- 6 October 2023 and, in cooperation with the Georgian Defence Institution Building School in Tbilisi, a basic course on SSR in Georgia from 12 to- 15 December 2023.

The Romanian National College for Home Affairs carried out a basic course on SSR within the Eastern Partnership framework from 23 to- 25 October 2023.

Sweden's Folke Bernadotte Academy conducted a DDR within the EU Integrated Approach course from 10 to- 13 October 2023.

All SSR/DDR courses are open to EU and partner country participants and international organisations. Participants should preferably be middle- to senior-level civilian or military experts deployed or just about to be deployed in support of

a CSDP mission.

Priorities for the next academic year

The bi-annual review of the standard ESDC SSR and DDR curricula will be conducted within the configuration and presented in February 2025. The review will in particular include findings of the EU SSR policy framework review.

The configuration will explore the potential to offer a basic course on SSR in spring 2025 in Brussels with a focus on participants from the EEAS. Two basic courses will be offered involving associate network partners in Georgia and Moldova in cooperation with the Italian PSOTC and Romania's National College of Home Affairs.

The configuration will continue to explore the links between SSR and DDR. Thematic seminars and workshops back-to-back with the SSR/DDR board meetings will continue to be organised in close cooperation with the SSR and DDR Task Forces.

The bi-annual review of the standard ESDC DDR and SSR curricula for the core course on SSR, the basic course on SSR, the in-country course on SSR and DDR within the EU Integrated Approach will be a priority for the configuration in the new academic year. The review will reflect the ongoing joint- internal EEAS review of the EU-wide strategic framework to support SSR conducted by the SSR Task Force and the

findings of thematic workshops. In addition, evaluations by participants will be considered in the review process.

A full list of all participating institutions can be found in Annex 9.

EAB SSR / DDR

Network members: 8

Year of establishment: 2010

Chair: Kurt Meissner

ESDC support: Enver Ferhatović

EAB SSR/DDR meetings:

- 13 Sept 2023 (38th), Brussels
- 20 Feb 2024 (39th), Brussels
- 12 June 2024 (40th), Brussels
- 16 May 2024 (10th), Brussels

Working Group on Missions and Operations-related Training (WGMOT)

Training staff to take part in CSDP missions- and operations is vital to the success of these missions and operations. The Working Group on Missions and Operations-related Training (WGMOT) was established in November 2015 to contribute to the quality, complementarity and consistency of CSDP missions- and operations-related courses, thereby increasing the effectiveness of CSDP missions/operations. WGMOT ensures that deployed personnel are equipped with the necessary understanding, knowledge and skills to be immediately operational, thereby contributing to the effective implementation of the mandate

of a mission or operation. Courses under the responsibility of WGMOT include Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) and the pre-deployment courses (PDT).

Participating institutions

WGMOT mainly comprises relevant EEAS staff and civilian governmental actors from EU Member States involved in training staff to be deployed to CSDP missions and operations. A full list of all participating institutions can be found in Annex 10.

Achievements

The focus of the academic year was on the elaboration of a European HEAT course

concept paper complementing the existing course curriculum with general instructions and requirements needed for delivering high-quality HEAT activities. For this purpose, WGMOT put together a subgroup of HEAT experts and practitioners to work on the development of these new European HEAT standards. After a year of meetings, consultations and numerous online working sessions, the ESDC HEAT course concept was presented to and approved by the EAB in June 2024. This represented a major milestone.

Another milestone was the in-mission pilot course on Team and Conflict Management in Peace Operations run by the German Federal Police Academy and the Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIF), under the auspices of the ESDC, that took place in Tbilisi in July 2023. The course has now been approved as a standard ESDC course.

The North Rhine-Westphalia State Police also ran a newly developed Training the e-Trainer pilot online course. Furthermore, the popular Training of Trainers (ToT) course was organised again this year for the first time since 2019.

Finally, WGMOT revised five course curricula within the framework of the regular bi-annual revision cycle:

- 1. Monitoring, Mentoring and Advising in EU Crisis Management (43).
- 2. Improving interviewing skills and the selection of staff for civilian CSDP Missions (60).
- 3. Team and Conflict Management in Peace Operations (PILOT) (81).
- 4. Hostile Environment Awareness Training - HEAT (48a).
- 5. Vehicle Safety 4x4 Driving (48b).

Impact

During the academic year, the pre-deployment training (PDT) for CSDP missions and operations was held nine times in Brussels in co-operation with different WGMOT training providers. Over the year, 169 participants attended the training.

Supporting mandatory national training efforts, the ESDC offered nine HEAT courses complementing the mission preparatory training package: the course was held five times in Lübeck, organised by the German Federal Police Academy, two times in Lisbon, organised by the Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana, once in Soave, organised by the Italian SAFE Foundation, and once in Yeghegnadzor (Armenia) organised by the German Federal Police Academy. In total, 153 participants attended the HEAT trainings, 112 male and 41 female.

Of particular importance was the ESDC's ability to deliver HEAT training to mission staff in Armenia at very short notice to respond to a rapidly developing situation on the ground in the country, thus ensuring the duty of care to mission staff and the effective functioning of the mission.

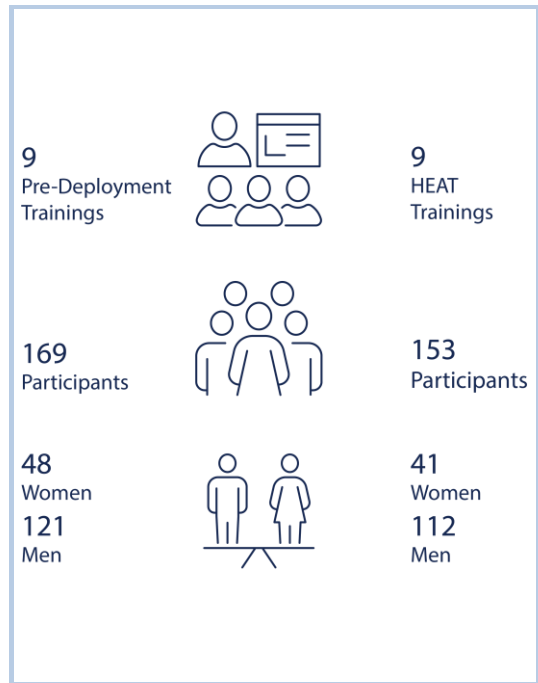
Training offers provided

The two main courses within WGMOT are the pre-deployment training (PDT) for CSDP missions and operations and HEAT. According to the new Policy on CSDP Training (adopted in June 2024), these courses are both mandatory preparatory courses before deployment to the field. Therefore, the target audience is almost exclusively future mission staff.

Priorities for the next academic year

One focus for the coming academic year will be the roll-out of the approved HEAT standards and the development of a European certification mechanism.

Upon special request by the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC), WGMOT will also explore possibilities to include Mission Security Officers (MSO) courses under the ESDC umbrella. Next year will also be the regular, bi-annual curriculum revision for pre-deployment training (PDT).



EAB WGMOT

Network members: 30
Year of establishment: 2015
Chair: Irene-Maria Eich
ESDC support: Isak Enstrom

EAB WGMOT meetings:

- 1 Sept 2023 (26th), Brussels
- 16 Nov 2023 (27th), Brussels
- 20 Feb 2024 (28th Brussels)
- 12 June 2024 (29th), Brussels

Climate Security and Defence Training Platform (CSD TP)

About the initiative

The peace, security and defence challenges of climate change and environmental degradation have become more urgent, serious and multifaceted. The ESDC's EU Climate Security and Defence Training Platform (EU CSD TP) seeks to address these challenges.

Since 2008, the EU has been at the forefront of addressing climate change as a threat multiplier. Defining and implementing this new outlook on the climate--security nexus is critical, in line with the objectives set out in the external dimension of the European Green Deal and the Strategic Compass for Security

and Defence.

The joint communication ‘A new outlook on the climate and security nexus: Addressing the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on peace, security and defence’ establishes an enhanced framework and proposes concrete measures in line with the EU’s integrated approach to external conflicts and crises.

This communication states that ‘to bring together different training providers and address the needs of different training audiences in a systematic manner, an EU Climate Security and Defence Training Platform will be established in the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).’

Objective

Supported by the EEAS, relevant Commission services, the European Defence Agency (EDA) and the European Union Satellite Centre, this new ESDC EAB configuration will focus on developing the necessary expertise at EU and national levels, including in areas such as environmental law and crime, climate-related security risk analysis and climate diplomacy. This will also allow the EU to progressively develop a pool of (certified) experts that Member States could deploy in CSDP missions and operations. Additionally, this configuration will promote coordination with other international actors.

In summary, the new configuration will:

1. promote a common peace, security and defence culture in the fields of climate security and environmental protection;
2. propose and develop new training

activities and high-quality curricula;

3. create partnerships for the sake of joint learning, good practice sharing, coordination and complementarity.

Participating institutions

This configuration is the most recent configuration of the EAB. It brings together approximately 30 training institutions, among which the following members contributed by organising training activities on Climate Change and Security for the 2023-2024 academic year:

- France’s Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN)
- Bulgaria’s Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence
- Deree American College, Athens, Greece
- Greece’s National Centre for Scientific Research - Demokritos

Training offers provided

Within this academic year, training was offered to experts in climate change mainstreaming policy development and implementation at national and/or EU level as well as to personnel involved in civil protection, disaster management, humanitarian assistance capacity building and education and training, faculty advisers, professors, consultants and analysts.

Priorities for the next academic year

Priorities include supporting the implementation of the existing course on Climate Change and Security and

upgrading its curriculum, as well as developing a new pilot course on environmental advisers for CSDP missions and operations.

EAB CSD TP

Network members: 19 (excluding EU institutions, bodies and agencies)

Year of establishment: 2024

Chair: Monika Psenner

ESDC support: Igor Cebek and Esther Breffka

EAB CS DTP meetings:

- 24 February (1st), Larnaca
- 24 July (2nd), Brussels



The European Doctoral School on CSDP

The ESDC's European Doctoral School on CSDP organises and coordinates doctoral (PhD) studies and research focused on the Common Security and Defence Policy in the wider context of Common Foreign and Security Policy. To achieve this, it brings together academic institutions within the European Higher Education Area alongside non-academic civilian and military bodies, research institutes, and EU institutions, bodies and agencies. This collective expertise is made available for scientific research as part of PhD curricula developed by the school's network institutions, serving as a supplementary programme for doctoral training in CSDP-related knowledge, skills and competencies. The Doctoral School plays a crucial role in implementing European Commission and European External Action Service priorities by creating a bridge between higher education and research and policy, thereby helping to raise awareness and enhance understanding of the EU's global peace, security and defence role. Its primary objective is to transform European experience and expertise into high-level scientific research, reinforcing a European peace, security and defence culture.

For this purpose, four Doctoral School working group meetings were held during the academic year, focusing on aligning the school with the latest trends in research at EU level.

Participating institutions

The Doctoral School network consists of

70 institutions located mainly in the EU (UK and Canadian institutions also participate). European Union public bodies also play an active role in the Doctoral School (namely the European Defence Agency, EU Satellite Centre and European Union Institute for Security Studies). The Doctoral School currently has 45 doctoral fellows and 11 PhD graduates. Training institutions that contributed by (co-) organising specific training/education in the 2023-2024 academic year include:

- DE - The Helmut Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg;
- EL - The University of Piraeus Research Centre;
- RO - The 'Mihai Viteazul' National Intelligence Academy.

Recent achievements

Ten new PhD fellows were selected in February 2024. Other major recent achievements include the adoption of a Charter to better regulate the Doctoral School's work, with the aim of better responding to current needs and challenges. The Charter regulates such matters as the thesis defence procedure and the status of 'fellows', and further aligns the regulations with those on Erasmus mobility. In addition, the Doctoral School has added postdoctoral research as one of its tasks. Also, each year it will now hold a call for a PhD Annual Prize. Furthermore, an agreement was reached between the ESDC and the European

Defence Agency which offers a one-year doctoral research fellowship to a PhD fellow of the Doctoral School. Doctoral fellows will thus gain first-hand experience of the EDA Capability Technology groups (CapTechs), a network of experts from Member States dedicated to a particular area of technology.

Three training activities also took place under the aegis of the Doctoral School:

- The 'Mihai Viteazul' National Intelligence Academy organised a course entitled Advanced Research in Hybrid Threats in Bucharest, Romania, 30 October-3 November 2023.
- The University of Piraeus Research Centre implemented a research methodology course entitled 'Safeguarding Unity: Decoding the Role of the EU Institutions in the CSDP', in Piraeus, Greece, 3-5 April 2024.
- The Helmut Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg organised a Summer University on CSDP in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 July 2024.

Impact

The ESDC Doctoral School brings together doctoral students, academics and professionals from various EU countries, fostering a network of experts who collaborate on peace, security and defence-related challenges. This enhances cross-border cooperation within the EU. The ESDC Doctoral School thus contributes to strengthening the overall capability of European structures to address complex global challenges. The focus on interdisciplinary research,

blending knowledge from fields such as international relations, political science, defence studies and security policy, innovation and technology management, informatics and engineering, encourages a broader and more comprehensive understanding of security issues, fostering innovation in problem solving.

Graduates from the ESDC Doctoral School often contribute directly to policy formulation within European structures and Member States.

The ESDC Doctoral School thereby contributes to the EU's goal of achieving greater strategic autonomy in defence and foreign policy.

It also enhances the career prospects of doctoral students by equipping them with highly valued specialised knowledge and skills.

The ESDC Doctoral School therefore plays a vital role in shaping future leaders and experts in the field of European peace, security and defence, whilst promoting academic and professional excellence.

Priorities for the next academic year

As we look forward to the upcoming academic year, a comprehensive set of priorities has been established to enhance the direction of doctoral research initiatives.

There will be a strategic alignment of doctoral research topics, including on artificial intelligence, countering disinformation and climate change, thus ensuring that research remains connected to the pressing challenges of our time.

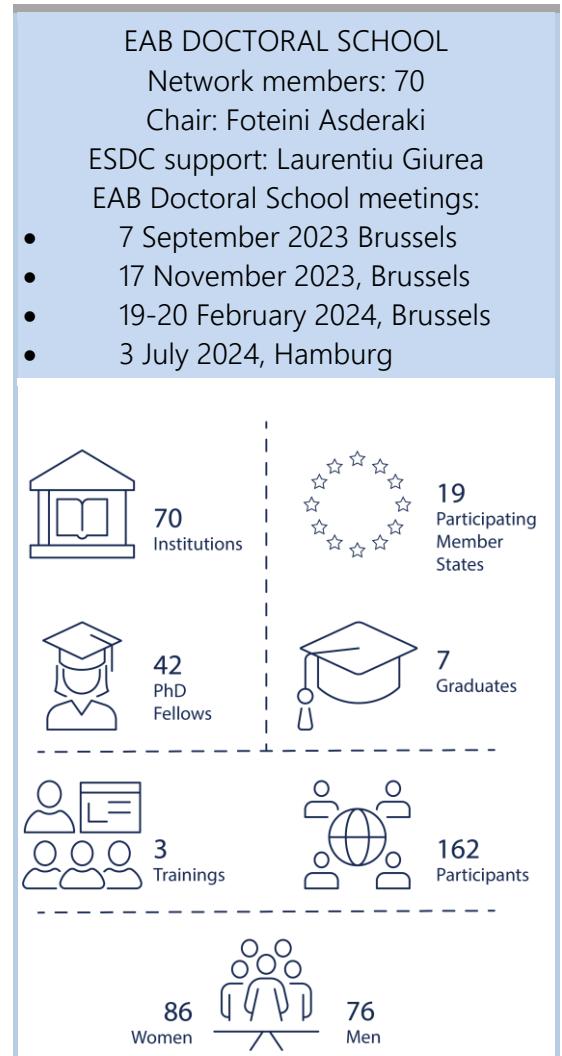
Membership will be broadened, with active participation from across EU Member States and beyond. The infusion

of subject matter experts in research and regional issues will not only enrich the intellectual landscape but also strengthen scholarly discourse.

The impact will be enhanced by increasing the frequency of meetings and expanding the number of doctoral fellows both within the EU and in regions beyond.

A significant priority is the increase in doctoral fellows focused on exploring regional challenges. This deliberate emphasis on regions such as the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) and the Indo-Pacific aligns with the EU's strategic outlook. It aims to create a cadre of researchers who are attuned to issues of paramount significance to the Union and its Member States.

These priorities collectively aim to elevate the trajectory of doctoral research and ensure that it remains aligned with the EU's strategic interests and the global challenges of our time.



European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers (Military Erasmus)

EMILYO, the European Initiative for the Exchange of Military Young Officers, inspired by the Erasmus programme, promotes exchanges of cadets, midshipmen, students, military officers, teachers and instructors from basic officer education institutions around the EU. Moreover, under the auspices of EMILYO, these education institutions have developed new courses and academic semesters, with the number of common modules now standing at 55, or 146.5 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits. EMILYO is having a long-term sustained positive impact on European peace, security and defence: exchanges of young officers during their initial training and the harmonisation of military education are crucial for long-term interoperability and a common European peace, security and defence culture.

Participating institutions

Every EU Member State that offers basic officer education is a member of EMILYO. In total, 66 military institutions, located in 25 Member States plus Norway, are members. In the 2023-2024 academic year, 44 of these institutions, from 21 Member States plus Norway, took part in EMILYO-led activities. A complete list of all Military Erasmus members can be found in Annex 7.

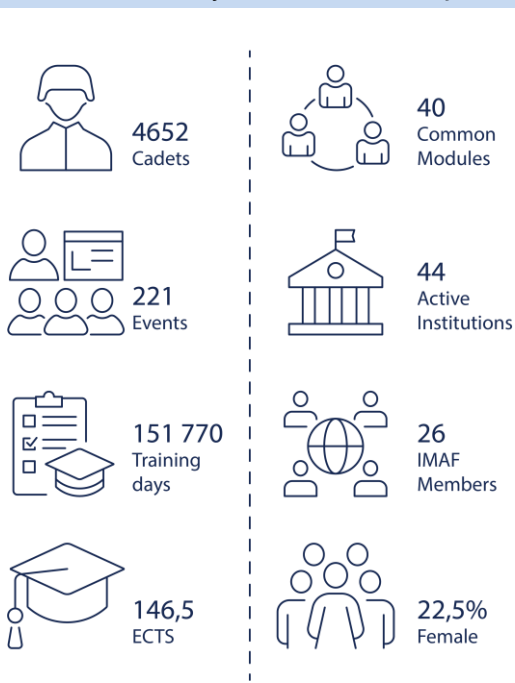
Achievements

The EMILYO Implementation Group met four times during the 2023-2024 academic



MILITARY Erasmus
 Network members: 65
 Associate Network Partner: 1
 Year of establishment: 2009
 Chair: Harald Gell
 ESDC support: Christoforos Christoforou
 IMPLEMENTATION GROUP MEETINGS:

- 12-14 Sept 2023 (59th), Brussels
- 20-22 Nov 2023 (60th), Riga
- 12-14 Feb 2024 (61st), Bucharest
- 20-23 May 2024 (62nd), Braşov



year. Numerous other exchanges, events and meetings were also organised

throughout the EU. Indeed, this academic year saw the highest number of EMILYO exchanges and the highest number of EMILYO organised training days ever. Notable events included the European Union Military Academies Commandants' Seminars that took place in San Javier in 2023 under the auspices of the Spanish Air Force Academy and in Brussels in 2024 under the auspices of the Belgian Royal Military Academy. Both events were organised to coincide with the Spanish and Belgian Presidencies of the EU. In addition, the International Military Academic Forum was held in Braşov in 2024 under the auspices of the Henri Coandă Air Force Academy in Romania. A highlight of the year for cadets was the 7th CSDP Olympiad, held in Budapest, and organised by the Ludovika University of Public Service to coincide with the Hungarian Presidency of the EU. In total, 4652 cadets, midshipmen and students participated in Military Erasmus activities, up from 3569 in the previous academic year. 220 events were held under the programme, and 151 779 days of training were organised. These figures are consistently impressive.

Training activities for the academic year 2023-2024 can be found in Annex 5.

Priorities for the next academic year

- EMILYO will seek to ensure that all Basic Officer Education Institutions of all Member States are involved in the European Initiative for the Exchange of Military Young Officers inspired by Erasmus.
- EMILYO will review and update the

existing common modules according to the SQF-MILOF guidelines and priorities, and create new modules based on the most current requirements.

- EMILYO will seek to implement the European Common Technical Semester on Defence and Security and launch new projects for international semesters in the fields of air defence, logistics and the navy.
- EMILYO will seek to establish new lines of development on space and on hybrid warfare.
- EMILYO will encourage all EU institutions to organise EMILYO activities and/or to send cadets/midshipmen/students.
- EMILYO will seek to ensure all EU Member States opt-in the EMILYO Framework Agreement for facilitating exchanges of military students and lecturers.

The Sectoral Qualification Framework for the Military Officer Profession Executive Group (SQF-MILEG)

SQF-MILEG is a project-oriented EAB configuration established in November 2021 to facilitate and support EU Member States' voluntary implementation of the Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Military Officer Profession (SQF-MILOF). It meets on a quarterly basis and comprises Member States' delegates from human resources management and training departments in the area of military qualifications, as well as experts on education and training. Within the framework of the agreed SQF-MILOF implementation protocol, SQF-MILEG stands as a pivotal force to facilitate and accelerate the alignment of national military qualifications.

Participating Member States

Eight Member State representatives attended the SQF-MILEG meetings during the 2023-2024 academic year. Two Member States have already signed the implementation protocol, and there is an expectation that two more will follow suit in the near future.

A full list of all participating institutions can be found in Annex 8.

Achievements

Following the successful conclusion of the mandate of Dr Alin Bodescu, as previous SQF-MILEG Chair, the group unanimously elected Colonel Lucian Ispas as the new Chair. The ESDC Steering Committee

officially appointed Colonel Ispas on 12 July 2024.

SQF-MILEG has now reached a consolidation phase and is actively expanding its cadre of national experts through SQF-MILOF familiarisation courses, which have improved participants' skills as regards SQF-MILOF.

Priorities for the next academic year

Further Member State engagement is vital for the eventual success of SQF-MILOF. Hence an invitation is again extended to Member States urging them to endorse the SQF-MILOF implementation protocol. By doing so, the seamless comparison of national military qualifications with SQF-MILOF established levels is streamlined, fostering a more harmonious educational landscape.

Furthermore, the proactive dissemination of national military qualifications through the ESDC's online repository marks another important step forward. This transparent approach bolsters accessibility and comprehension of the complex domain of military qualification.

This strategic initiative not only paves the way for a cohesive approach to military education, but also serves as a catalyst for engaging with relevant institutions and stakeholders. The creation of courses tailored to develop multifaceted skills amongst military officers contributes to a nuanced comprehension of the CSDP

throughout the EU and reinforces a collective understanding and commitment to this important project.

During the forthcoming academic year, one of the main actions to be implemented is the establishment of a peer-evaluation mechanism. This mechanism will seek to transition from a centralised, broadly applied approach to facilitating implementation towards a decentralised approach that empowers individual Member States.

The last key initiative undertaken by the SQF-MILEG Chair was the proposal of a pilot course on 'SQF-MILOF Train-the-Trainers'. This particular course aims at addressing the documented need to create a pool of qualified trainers who

would be able to organise SQF-MILOF familiarisation courses and facilitate an accelerated deployment of SQF-MILOF at national level. It is anticipated to take place in February-March 2025 and to be organised by Romania's Land Forces Academy.

EAB SQF-MILEG

Network members: 14

Year of establishment: 2021

Chair: Lucian Ispas

ESDC support: Georgios Kapogiannis

SQF-MILEG meetings:

- 5 October 2023 (8th), Brussels
- 18 January 2024 (9th), Brussels
- 16 May 2024 (10th), Brussels

European Higher Military Education/-EU War Colleges Initiative

The European Higher Military Education/EU War Colleges Initiative aims at uniting the EU Member States' War Colleges to promote a common security and defence culture, share best practices, create partnerships and common projects and facilitate exchanges of trainers and trainees. Among its objectives is the creation of a one-week common training module on European defence issues, which would be included -- on a voluntary basis -- in the curricula of the EU Member States' War Colleges or equivalent entities. In addition, in-person training modules of one or more weeks will be developed that Member States can use to educate officers. Such modules, organised under

the aegis of the ESDC, would include practical courses on the strategic and operational structures within the EU framework. Finally, EU-level measures will be proposed that Member States can use to further develop and implement EU-oriented training at war colleges.

Participating institutions

This configuration is based on an initiative of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2022. The following Member States are currently involved: Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.

Achievements

The main achievement so far has been the successful creation of the common module that can be implemented by each war college on a voluntary basis under the aegis of the ESDC. Another important achievement has been the careful consideration of each Autonomous Knowledge Unit (AKU) developed by the ESDC and the agreements reached on those AKUs most relevant to the training provided. This cluster of AKUs will be used as an eLearning platform to be used for the courses provided. As a good practice, each ESDC course which has a particular military interest has been considered for students. This will be useful, as it would potentially extend the outreach of ESDC courses and improve the participation rate of higher ranked military officers, thus serving the scope of all participating

entities.

Priorities for the next academic year

The forthcoming academic year will mark the consolidation and implementation phase of the common module, which has already been agreed upon and implemented.

EAB WAR COLLEGES
Network members: 16
Year of establishment: 2023
Chair: Didier Oustric
ESDC support: Georgios Kapogiannis
EAB War Colleges meetings:

- 4 Oct 2023, (5th), Madrid
- 8 Nov 2023 (6th), Rome
- 26 March 2024 (7th), Thessaloniki
- 30 May 2024 (8th) Bucharest

Cyber Education, Training, Evaluation and Exercise (ETEE) and EAB.Cyber



Created in 2018, the aim of the ESDC's Cyber Education, Training, Evaluation and Exercise (ETEE) Platform is to provide cyber security and defence training to civilian and military personnel, including in support of CSDP missions and operations. It covers various cyber domains, namely cybercrime, network information security, cyber defence and external relations.

Participating institutions

The ESDC's cyber platform consists of 48 members, including training institutes in

the Member States and candidate countries, EU public bodies and international partners. A list of all participating institutions can be found in Annex 12.

Achievements

The ESDC's cyber platform reviewed and updated all course curricula to align further with the EU Cybersecurity Strategy for the new decade, the EU Policy on Cyber Defence and the Strategic Compass of the EU. Building on the European

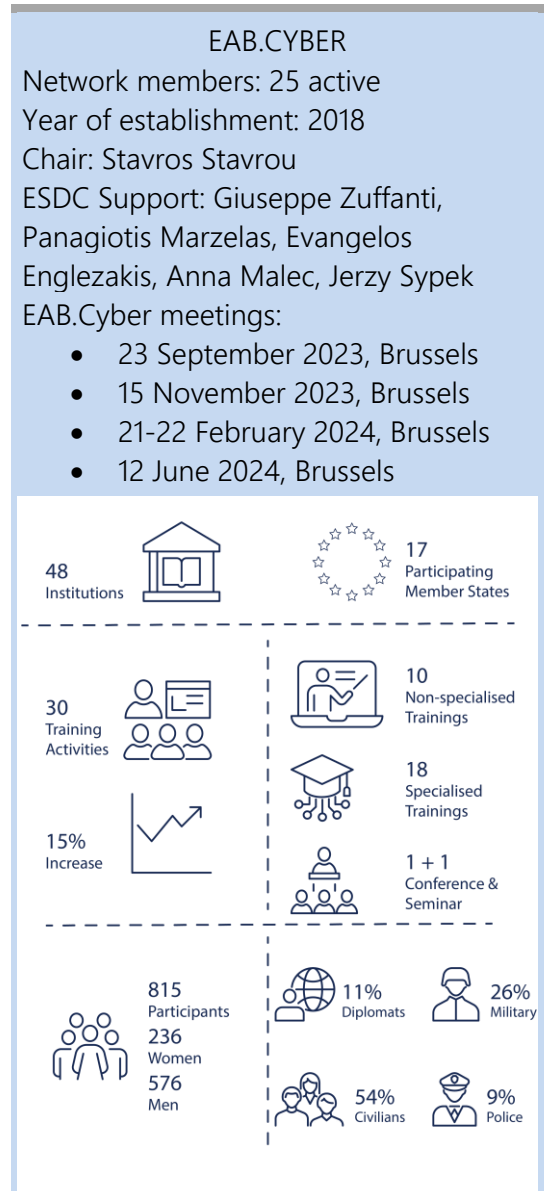
Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF) developed by ENISA, the ESDC's cyber platform has developed a number of ECSF aligned curricula. Ten new curricula, supporting the ENISA's ECSF job profiles, have been approved.

Impact

30 cyber training activities were organised (an increase of 15%) for 815 participants (54% civilians, 26% military, 11% diplomats and 9% police).

Priorities for the next academic year

- Support the strengthening of the cyber intelligence capacity of the EU institutions, bodies and agencies and Member States through five intelligence training programmes.
- Support the EU Cyber Skills Academy through collaboration with ENISA, particularly via the ongoing effort to develop more courses aligned with the ECSF.
- Focus on emerging technologies such as machine learning/artificial intelligence, leveraging the existing knowledge of the EAB.Cyber members.
- Increase cooperation on training and educational activities with Ukraine, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Indo-Pacific, and MENA countries.
- Reinforce cooperation with NATO DEEP, NATO NCIA, NATO CCDCOE, EUROPOL and CEPOL.



The European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF)

The European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF) is a project-

focused configuration that brings together military secondary schools, creates

common modules for inclusion in their curricula, promotes a shared peace, security and defence culture, shares best practices, establishes partnerships and joint projects, facilitates exchanges of trainers and trainees from an early age, and fosters a European dimension for military secondary schools teaching.

Participating institutions

The Forum is a recent configuration of the EAB, comprising 16 military secondary schools from eight EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Portugal and Romania) and two schools from candidate countries (Serbia and Ukraine). A complete list of all participating institutions can be found in Annex 13.

Achievements

On 6 September 2023, a special ceremony for the second Essay Writing Olympiad took place in Nicosia, Cyprus. The EUMSSF Essay Writing Olympiad, launched in 2019, is open to students in their penultimate year at military secondary schools across the EU. The Olympiad aims to encourage students to share their views on topics related to the European Union. During the ceremony, the three winners were granted the opportunity to participate in the Forum's 12th meeting held in Cyprus on 6 September 2023, where they received their awards from the Head of the European Parliament Office and the spokesperson of the EU Commission's Representation to Cyprus, in the presence of the Ambassador of Portugal and representatives of the Embassies of Italy and Romania.

On 24 January 2024, an Erasmus workshop was organised in Brussels to familiarise

Forum members with the steps of the accreditation process.

The Portuguese school 'Colégio Militar' organised a course on 'EU History and Core Values' in Lisbon from 6 to 10 May, following the success of the pilot course held in March 2023. 24 students from nine military schools from four EU Member States (Belgium, Latvia, Portugal, and Romania) took part.

On 10 May 2024, the Forum agreed to develop a new Line of Development dedicated to common projects under the Erasmus initiative.

Impact

Young people, our future, are fundamental actors for change, innovation and reconciliation. Their meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement is crucial. The EUMSSF is committed to engaging with youth to build a better future, and the Forum is a significant step forward in this important field.

Priorities for the next academic year

The Forum's priorities for the 2023-2024 academic year -are:

- increasing the number of members by encouraging all EU Member States with military secondary schools to join the Forum;
- developing the course dedicated to EU History and Core Values;
- encouraging training institutes to organise a pilot course dedicated to the EU institutions;
- creating more exchange opportunities for pupils and trainers.

EU Member States with military secondary schools are invited to join the Forum.

EUMSSF

Network members: 16

Year of establishment: 2016

Chair: Symeon Zambas

ESDC support: Simone Coccia, Maria Penedos

EUMSSF meetings:

- 6 Sept 2023 (12th), Larnaca
- 24 Jan 2024 (13th), Brussels
- 10 May 2024 (14th), Lisbon



8
Participating
Member
States



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16
Institutions



Resource Management

Resource management

Personnel

The staff of the ESDC is made up primarily of seconded national experts. The ESDC is thus very grateful that many Member States continue to second highly qualified and experienced staff to the ESDC, who play a crucial role in managing, supervising and strategically developing our complex high-level training programmes. However, fewer and fewer seconded national experts are being sent from the Member States to work in the EU institutions and bodies, a situation created mainly by challenging budgetary constraints at national level. This situation is particularly challenging for the ESDC as it relies heavily on seconded national experts. As the ESDC endeavours to fill its vacant posts, it relies on and appreciates the support of all Member States.

The ESDC is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive and equitable working environment where all individuals are treated with respect and fairness. We adhere to a recruitment policy that prohibits any form of discrimination.

The 25 ESDC staff were from 14 Member States, namely Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden and Spain. The ESDC has made

further progress in achieving gender equality within its workforce. As of August 2024, eight women were in employment at the ESDC, representing 32% of the total workforce. The ESDC will continue to strive for a more gender-balanced workforce.

Financial management of the ESDC

Whereas the academic activities of the ESDC are organised as per the academic calendar, ending on 31 July each year, the annual budget of the ESDC is organised on the basis of a calendar year.

In 2023 the ESDC operated with an annual budget of EUR 2 417 423.89. For 2024 the budget increased to EUR 2 933 304.01. The annual draft budget of the ESDC for 2025, which anticipated no overall increases, was submitted to the ESDC Steering Committee by the Acting Head in July 2024.

The implementation of the ESDC's 2023 budget was audited by an independent external auditor in February 2024 to ensure transparency and compliance with all rules and regulations. No anomalies were identified in that audit. The implementation of the ESDC's 2024 budget will be audited by an independent external auditor in February 2025.



Outreach

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Outreach

The European Security and Defence College has a key role in developing and coordinating training and education for the purpose of promoting a common understanding of CSDP within the EU and beyond. It also has an important diplomatic outreach role. It therefore develops and coordinates a range of specialised training programmes and educational initiatives in key strategic geographical areas, such as the Western

Balkans, the Eastern Partnership countries and in particular for Ukraine. In this way, the ESDC fosters strategic collaboration and skills development in critical fields of security and defence. A list of activities that took place in 2023-2024 can be found in Annex 14. The ESDC also played an important role in a number of international conferences and seminars listed in Annex 15.



Where we
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Where we are heading

The world, the EU and its Member States are navigating an era of profound uncertainty. We are witnessing changes that are more abrupt and far-reaching than at any time since the end of the Second World War. War has returned to Europe, and established power dynamics and long-standing alliances are being called into question.

To ensure that the EU is well-prepared to deal with these challenges, the ESDC must continue to deliver high-quality, targeted training precisely where and when it is needed. Achieving this requires a future-proof ESDC. Together with our partners, we are actively preparing the ESDC for the future. This includes enhancing the ESDC's institutional framework, establishing a sound financial foundation that is fit-for-purpose, predictable and sustainable, and adopting the technological advancements needed to stay at the forefront of education and training. We are also developing new initiatives – the most

recent relating to climate security and defence, and war colleges – that will significantly reshape the Union's security, peace and defence training landscape. Our approach focuses on integration where necessary and beneficial, while ensuring there is no duplication of efforts. We are also seeking to ensure that our human resources match our needs, allowing us to complete our mission.

Next year, we will celebrate 20 years of the ESDC. This milestone is not only an occasion for celebration, but also an opportunity to reflect and explore areas for improvement. We will invite our partners to come together and will listen to their perspectives, ensuring we remain at the forefront of security, peace and defence training. In this context, we propose the following recommendations and request the Steering Committee to endorse them before this report is forwarded to the Council.

Recommendations by the Acting Head on the future of the ESDC

1. Staffing of the ESDC – The backbone of our success

The ESDC staff is made up primarily of training managers seconded from the Member States, who ensure that the ESDC's core mission can be accomplished. The ESDC has already made significant efforts to rationalise its staffing levels, reducing the number of budgeted staff from 31 in 2024 to 26 in 2025. Given that the demand for training is constantly increasing, and given that the new Council Decision will require the ESDC to carry out additional tasks, it is recommended that staffing levels are maintained at the levels set out in the 2025 budget. It is also vital that Member States continue to second staff to the ESDC.

2. Enhancing training needs analysis

Our training must be aligned with the identified needs and be sufficiently flexible and adaptable to deal with rapidly changing contexts. To achieve this, and in line with the new Council Decision, the new EU Policy on Training for CSDP and its implementing guidelines, we are committed to further enhance our training needs analysis, in close collaboration with

the Member States and the EEAS. In particular, we must examine the specific needs of CSDP missions and operations, which may include targeted on-the-ground training.

3. Take full advantage of new technologies

This year, the ESDC initiated a comprehensive overhaul of its e-learning platform, leveraging state-of-the-art artificial intelligence-based software and modern teaching methodologies. We must continue to explore how best to take advantage of these new technologies, whilst bearing in mind that the core of all training and education will continue to be person-to-person interactions.

4. New Training and Education initiative

Following last year's proposal by the European Parliament, the concept of a focused, integrated, and long-term training programme for staff joining Union entities in the field of CSDP continues to gain momentum. We are fully dedicated to exploring this opportunity by establishing an expert group to explore the specific direction this project should take.

Annexes

Annex 1: Pilot training activities under aegis of ESDC

	Pilot Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	The Contribution of Cyber in Hybrid Conflict	Pilot Training	EDA - European Defence Agency European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats	11/09/2023	15/09/2023	Helsinki	41
2	Basics of Cybercrime Investigation	Pilot Training	HU - Institute for International Studies National Public Service University	20/09/2023	22/09/2023	Budapest	12
3	Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage	Pilot Training	CY - Security and Defence Academy PL - Polish Naval Academy	19/09/2023	22/09/2023	Larnaca	17
4	European Security and Geoeconomics	Pilot Training	CY - Ministry of Defence (Nicosia) / Defence Policy and International Relations Directorate AT - National Defence Academy BE - Egmont Institute	27/11/2023	30/11/2023	Brussels	25
5	The Legal Framework of Defence Related EU Policy making	Pilot Training	DE - Ministry of Defence / Department for CSDP	14/11/2023	17/11/2023	Hamburg	21
6	Foreign Information	Pilot	RO - "Mihai Viteazul" National	05/12/2023	08/12/2023	Brussels	24

	Pilot Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
	Manipulation and Interference	Training	Intelligence Academy EU - European External Action Service				
7	The Strategic Leadership in Security and Intelligence Culture	Pilot Training	RO - Romanian Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy	11/03/2024	15/03/2024	Bucharest	43
8	Countering Disinformation with Applied OSINT Techniques	Pilot Training	GR - Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Academic Training Directorate; GR - Hellenic Joint Intelligence School	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Athens	17
9	Cognitive Warfare as a challenge for EU	Pilot Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	21/05/2024	23/05/2024	Rome	65
10	Hybrid Threats and Intercultural Strategic Communication	Pilot Training	FR - The Institute for Intercultural Intelligence Training	09/04/2024	11/04/2024	Brussels	28
11	Maritime Cybersecurity	Pilot Training	RO - Constanta Maritime University	24/04/2024	25/04/2024	Constanta	24
12	Train the E-Trainer	Pilot Training	DE - Department for International Police Missions of the LAFP	24/06/2024	28/06/2024	Brussels	10
13	Security Operations Centre (SOC) as a template	Pilot Training	NL - Ministry of Defence Netherlands; GR - Ministry of Foreign Affairs; BE - Solvay Lifelong Learning (SLL) Institute	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Athens	41

Annex 2: Regular training activities under aegis of ESDC

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	Advanced Course for Political Advisors in CSDP Missions and Operations	Training	AT - National Defence Academy (Vienna)	04/09/2023	08/09/2023	Vienna	24
2	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	EU - European Union Military Staff, European External Action Service	11/09/2023	15/09/2023	Brussels	53
3	Vehicle Safety and 4x4 Driving	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy	14/09/2023	15/09/2023	Lübeck	14
4	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	18/09/2023	22/09/2023	Rome	50
5	CSDP Capability Planning and Development	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	18/09/2023	21/09/2023	Brussels	39
6	Integrated Border Management (IBM) in CSDP	Training	GR - Hellenic Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Centre	18/09/2023	22/09/2023	Kilkis	26
7	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy	18/09/2023	22/09/2023	Lübeck	16
8	EU Integrated Crisis Management	Training	FI - Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (National Defence University)	24/09/2023	29/09/2023	Helsinki	28
9	High Level Course	Training	BE - Egmont Institute;	25/09/2023	30/09/2023	Brussels	0
10	A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations	Training	ES - Ministry of Defence Spain	25/09/2023	29/09/2023	Madrid	36
11	Course on European Armament Cooperation (Awareness level)	Training	AT - Federal Ministry of Defence	25/09/2023	27/09/2023	Brussels	34

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
12	Challenges of European Cyber Security	Training	PT - National Defence Institute	25/09/2023	29/09/2023	Brussels	53
13	Cyber Range - Defensive Capabilities	Training	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence, Polish MoD	26/09/2023	28/09/2023	Warsaw	12
14	Comprehensive Protection of Civilians	Training	Peace Operations Training Centre / Centre for European Perspective	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	Brussels	6
15	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	CH - Geneva Centre for Security Policy	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	Brussels	35
16	Basic Course on Security Sector Reform	Training	IT - Post Conflict Operations Study Centre	03/10/2023	06/10/2023	Turin	17
17	Core Course on Security Sector Reform	Training	AT - Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution	06/10/2023	12/10/2023	Stadtschlaining	15
18	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	AT - National Defence Academy	09/10/2023	13/10/2023	Ohrid	15
19	Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration within the EU Integrated Approach	Training	SE - Folke Bernadotte Academy	10/10/2023	13/10/2023	Stockholm	16
20	The challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College (HSJWC)	16/10/2023	19/10/2023	Thessaloniki	20
21	Investigating & Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Conflict Environments	Training	SE - Swedish National Courts Administration	16/10/2023	27/10/2023	Boblingen	14
22	Diplomatic skills for CSDP	Training	CY - University of Nicosia	16/10/2023	19/10/2023	Larnaca	37
23	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	16/10/2023	20/10/2023	Lisbon	20

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
24	Climate Change and Security	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies	17/10/2023	19/10/2023	Paris	15
25	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	BG - Diplomatic Institute	23/10/2023	27/10/2023	Sofia	32
26	Basic Course on Security Sector Reform	Training	RO - Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy	23/10/2023	25/10/2023	Bucharest	43
27	Challenges of space for CSDP	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	23/10/2023	26/10/2023	Rome	29
28	Cyber Range - Pentester Tools	Training	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence, Polish MoD	24/10/2023	26/10/2023	Warsaw	12
29	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	EU - European Union Military Staff, European External Action Service	06/11/2023	10/11/2023	Brussels	56
30	Course on European Armament Cooperation (Expert level)	Training	AT - Federal Ministry of Defence	06/11/2023	10/11/2023	Larnaca	29
31	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	06/11/2023	10/11/2023	Brussels	10
32	Cyber Awareness for Trainers	Training	DE - Ministry of Defence / Department for CSDP	06/11/2023	10/11/2023	Pocking	27
33	The role of the EU Cyber Ecosystem in the Global Cyber Security Stability	Training	NL - Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands	07/11/2023	09/11/2023	Brussels	60
34	High Level Course	Training	ES - National Defence Advanced Studies Centre	20/11/2023	24/11/2023	Madrid	0
35	Critical Infrastructure Protection Basic Course	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	20/11/2023	24/11/2023	Lisbon	21
36	Mediation, negotiation and dialogue skills for CSDP	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	20/11/2023	24/11/2023	Rome	74
37	Strategic Communication for	Training	CY - Security and Defence Academy	21/11/2023	24/11/2023	Larnaca	37

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
	Peace, Security and Defence						
38	Advanced Diplomacy for Security and Defence	Training	RO - West University of Timisoara	22/11/2023	24/11/2023	Brussels	15
39	Vehicle Safety and 4x4 Driving	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	23/11/2023	24/11/2023	Lübeck	14
40	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	Lübeck	15
41	A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations	Training	NL - Ministry of Defence Netherlands	27/11/2023	01/12/2023	The Hague	38
42	Cyber Threat Intelligence (ex Open Source Intelligence Advanced Level)	Training	GR - Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Academic Training Directorate	27/11/2023	29/11/2023	Brussels	22
43	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	SE - Folke Bernadotte Academy	04/12/2023	08/12/2023	Brussels	10
44	Cyber Incident Responder	Training	Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Academic Training Directorate;	04/12/2023	08/12/2023	Athens	28
45	Diplomatic skills for CSDP	Training	West University of Timisoara	11/12/2023	14/12/2023	Timisoara	32
46	EU addressing and facing hybrid threats challenges	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies	12/12/2023	14/12/2023	Paris	22
47	Basic Course on Security Sector Reform	Training	IT - Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies	12/12/2023	15/12/2023	Tbilisi	19
48	Intelligence Security Challenges and Opportunities in the EU	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies	18/12/2023	20/12/2023	Paris	24
49	Vehicle Safety and 4x4 Driving	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	18/01/2024	19/01/2024	Lübeck	15
50	HEAT - Hostile Environment	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy	22/01/2024	26/01/2024	Lübeck	18

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
	Awareness Training		/Bundespolizeiakademie				
51	Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies PT - Portugal - National Defence Institute	23/01/2024	25/01/2024	Brussels	36
52	Cyber Security Basics for Non-Technical Experts	Training	HU - Institute for International Studies National Public Service University	23/01/2024	25/01/2024	Podgorice	22
53	Senior Strategic Course	Training	BE - Egmont Institute	05/02/2024	07/02/2024	Brussels	0
54	Cybersecurity Educator	Training	DE - Albstadt-Sigmaringen University	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	Chisinau	25
55	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	RO - Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	Brussels	25
56	Challenges of space for CSDP	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies	06/02/2024	08/02/2024	Paris	18
57	Course on cybersecurity and International laws	Training	PL - University of Lodz	12/02/2024	14/02/2024	Brussels	22
58	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	SI - Ministry of Defence Slovenia	04/03/2024	08/03/2024	Brussels	42
59	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	FI - Crisis Management Centre (Civilian Crisis Management Training, Research and Evaluation)	04/03/2024	08/03/2024	Brussels	24
60	Cyber Range - Cybersecurity in practice	Training	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence, Polish MoD	05/03/2024	07/03/2024	Warsaw	12
61	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College	11/03/2024	15/03/2024	Thessaloniki	65
62	Cultural Property Protection Course	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	11/03/2024	15/03/2024	Rome	34
63	EU Logistics Fundamentals Course	Training	EU - European Union Military Staff, European External Action Service	11/03/2024	15/03/2024	Brussels	31

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
64	Vehicle Safety and 4x4 Driving	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	Lübeck	14
65	Core Course on Security Sector Reform	Training	AT - Austrian Centre for Peace	15/03/2024	21/03/2024	Vienna	33
66	Senior Strategic Course	Training	DE - Command and Staff College of the German Armed Forces /Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (Hamburg)	18/03/2024	19/03/2024	Berlin	0
67	Cyber Defence Policy on National and International Levels	Training	EE - Baltic Defence College	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	Tartu	39
68	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	Lübeck	16
69	EU Logistics in Operations Course	Training	EU - European Union Military Staff, European External Action Service	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	Brussels	33
70	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	EU - European Union Military Staff, European External Action Service	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	Brussels	59
71	A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations	Training	SI - Centre for European Perspective	19/03/2024	21/03/2024	Ljubljana	22
72	Research Methodology on CSDP	Training	GR - University of Piraeus	03/04/2024	05/04/2024	Piraeus	71
73	Diplomatic skills for CSDP	Training	CY - Security and Defence Academy	08/04/2024	11/04/2024	Larnaka	22
74	Climate Change and Security	Training	BG - Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence	08/04/2024	11/04/2024	Sofia	42
75	Project Management in support of CSDP M/O	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Thessaloniki	23

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
76	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	SE - Folke Bernadotte Academy	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Brussels	12
77	Advanced Modular Training (AMT) for CSDP Strategic Crisis Management	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Brussels	0
78	A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Rome	35
79	Intelligence Analysis Course	Training	GR - Hellenic Joint Intelligence School	15/04/2024	26/04/2024	Athens	14
80	Image Intelligence Analysis (IMINT)	Training	GR - Hellenic Joint Intelligence School	15/04/2024	26/04/2024	Athens	8
81	Training of Trainers	Training	DE - Department for International Police Missions of the LAFP	22/04/2024	26/04/2024	Brussels	9
82	High Level Course	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies	22/04/2024	26/04/2024	Paris	0
83	Advanced Course for Political Advisors in CSDP Missions and Operations	Training	BE - Egmont Institute	22/04/2024	26/04/2024	Brussels	21
84	SQF-MILOF Familiarisation Course	Training	BG - Vasil Levski National Military University	22/04/2024	24/04/2024	Veliko Tarnovo	14
85	EU History and Core Values	Training	PT - Colégio Militar	06/05/2024	10/05/2024	Lisbon	25
86	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	06/05/2024	10/05/2024	Lisbon	20
87	The EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade	Training	IT - Italian Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of Advanced Studies	08/05/2024	10/05/2024	Rome	42
88	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	RO - National Defence College	13/05/2024	17/05/2024	Brussels	42

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
89	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	DE - Department for International Police Missions of the LAFP	13/05/2024	17/05/2024	Brussels	19
90	Comprehensive Protection of Civilians	Training	AT - Austrian Centre for Peace	13/05/2024	17/05/2024	Stadtschlaining	22
91	The challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union	Training	CY - Security and Defence Academy	14/05/2024	16/05/2024	Larnaca	41
92	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	AT - National Defence Academy	20/05/2024	24/05/2024	Sarajevo	30
93	Mediation, negotiation and dialogue skills for CSDP	Training	IE - Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at NUI Maynooth	20/05/2024	24/05/2024	Dublin	21
94	The challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union	Training	RO - Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy	21/05/2024	24/05/2024	Constanta	34
95	Civilian Aspects of EU crisis management	Training	PT - National Defence Institute	21/05/2024	23/05/2024	Brussels	17
96	Advanced Modular Training (AMT) for CSDP Strategic Crisis Management	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College	27/05/2024	31/05/2024	Thessaloniki	29
97	Senior Strategic Course	Training	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies	28/05/2024	30/05/2024	Rome	33
98	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	ES - National Defence Advanced Studies Centre	03/06/2024	07/06/2024	Madrid	30
99	Advanced Course for Political Advisors in CSDP Missions and Operations	Training	CH - Geneva Centre for Security Policy	03/06/2024	07/06/2024	Geneva	20
100	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	AT - Austrian Centre for Peace	03/06/2024	07/06/2024	Brussels	17

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
101	Cyber Range - Defensive Capabilities	Training	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence, Polish MoD	04/06/2024	06/06/2024	Warsaw	10
102	From Conflict Analysis to Integrated Action	Training	IE - Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at NUI Maynooth	10/06/2024	14/06/2024	Dublin	17
103	High Level Course	Training	GR - Hellenic Supreme Joint War College	17/06/2024	21/06/2024	Thessaloniki	62
104	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	RO - Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy	17/06/2024	21/06/2024	Brussels	20
105	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	17/06/2024	21/06/2024	Soave	15
106	Cyber ETEE Summer School	Training	RO - Constanta Maritime University	17/06/2024	20/06/2024	Constanta	24
107	Global security and hybrid warfare	Training	GR - University of Piraeus	18/06/2024	20/06/2024	Athens	32
108	Climate Change and Security	Training	GR - National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos	18/06/2024	20/06/2024	Athens	14
109	A Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Operations	Training	ES - Ministry of Defences Spain	24/06/2024	28/06/2024	Madrid	35
110	Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)	Training	GR - Hellenic Joint Intelligence School	24/06/2024	05/07/2024	Athens	18
111	Critical Entities Resilience Advanced	Training	PT - National Republican Guard	24/06/2024	28/06/2024	Lisbon	27
112	CSDP Orientation Course	Training	GR - University of Macedonia	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Thessaloniki	23
113	Advanced Course for Political Advisors in CSDP Missions and Operations	Training	AT - Federal Ministry of Defence	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Vienna	18

	Training Activity under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
114	Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions	Training	DE - Centre for International Peace Operations / Zentrum für international Friedenseinsätze	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Brussels	17
115	Advanced Modular Training (AMT) for CSDP Strategic Crisis Management	Training	SE - Swedish Armed Forces International Training Centre	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Stockholm	16
116	Strategic Planning Process of civilian CSDP Missions	Training	AT - Austrian Military Representation	08/07/2024	12/07/2024	Brussels	19
117	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie	08/07/2024	12/07/2024	Yeghegnadzor	17
118	Course on European Armament Cooperation (Awareness level)	Training	FR - Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN)	09/07/2024	11/07/2024	Brussels	29
119	Investigating & Preventing Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Conflict Environments	Training	DE - Police College Baden-Wuerttemberg	15/07/2024	26/07/2024	Boblingen	8
120	Disaster Relief in CSDP Context	Training	BG - Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence	16/07/2024	19/07/2024	Sofia	20
121	Vehicle Safety and 4x4 Driving	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie (Lübeck)	15/08/2024	16/08/2024	Lübeck	11
122	HEAT - Hostile Environment Awareness Training	Training	DE - German Federal Police Academy /Bundespolizeiakademie (Lübeck)	19/08/2024	23/08/2024	Lübeck	16
123	Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference	Training	AT - Austrian Institute of Technology;	28/08/2024	30/08/2024	Yerevan	32

Annex 3: Conferences and seminars under aegis of ESDC

Conferences under aegis of ESDC							
	Conferences under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	ATEC (Annual Training and Education Conference)	Conference	EU - European Security and Defence College	14/11/2023	15/11/2023	Brussels	131
2	Cyber ETEE Conference	Conference	RO - Constanta Maritime University	17/06/2024	19/06/2024	Constanta	54
Seminars under aegis of ESDC							
	Seminars under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	CSDP Seminar for South American countries and Mexico	Seminar	ES - Ministry of Defences Spain	16/10/2023	19/10/2023	Madrid	61
2	Seminar on The EU Counterterrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Ecosystem and Priorities of Practice	Seminar	NL - Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands	23/01/2024	25/01/2024	Brussels	55

Annex 4: Other training and education Activities under aegis of ESDC

	Doctoral School Training Activities under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	Research Methodology on CSDP	Training	GR - University of Piraeus (Athens)	03/04/2024	05/04/2024	Piraeus	71
2	Doctoral School Summer University	Doctoral School	DE - Helmut-Schmidt University	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Hamburg	25
3	Research on Hybrid Threats - Coercive and Submergive Strategies Used in Information and Cyber Warfare	Doctoral School	RO - Romanian Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	Bucharest	69
4	Defence of Doctoral Dissertation		RO - Romanian Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Academy	26/09/2023	26/09/2023	Bucharest	1

Annex 5: Military Erasmus - Training and Education activities under aegis of ESDC

	Military Erasmus Common modules under aegis of ESDC	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	Common Module on Space Applications for Security and Defence	Training	GR - Hellenic Airforce Academy	11/12/2023	15/12/2023	Athens	140
2	Common Module on Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	Training	IT - Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies	26/02/2024	01/03/2024	Torino	45
3	Common Module on Interoperability	Training	RO - "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy	11/03/2024	22/03/2024	Sibiu	104
4	Common Module CM on Biosafety and Bioterrorism	Training	GR - Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers	11/03/2024	15/03/2024	Thessaloniki	44
5	Common Module on Biosafety and Bioterrorism	Training	IT - Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies	18/03/2024	22/03/2024	Torino	46
6	Common Module on Comprehensive Approach	Training	GR - Hellenic Army Academy	25/03/2024	05/04/2024	Athens	65
7	Common Module on Maritime Security	Training	GR - Hellenic Naval Academy	01/04/2024	05/04/2024	Athens	33
8	Common Module on Electronic Warfare	Training	GR - Hellenic Army Academy	08/04/2024	12/04/2024	Athens	67
9	Common Module on Law of Armed Conflict	Training	GR - Hellenic Army Academy	15/04/2024	19/04/2024	Athens	71
10	Common Module on Unmanned Aerial Systems	Training	GR - Hellenic Air Force Academy	15/04/2024	19/04/2024	Athens	54

11	Common Module on Law of Armed Conflict	Training	IT - Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies	06/05/2024	10/05/2024	Torino	45
12	Common Module on Cyber Security	Training	GR - Hellenic Army Academy	27/05/2024	31/05/2024	Athens	81
13	Common Module on Military Leadership B	Training	CY - Security and Defence Academy of Cyprus	19/08/2024	30/08/2024	Larnaca	41
14	Common Module on Law of Armed Conflict	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				88
15	Common Module on Media	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				54
16	Common Module on Basic Military English	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				87
17	Common Module on Electronic Warfare	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				54
18	Common Module on Military Leadership C (Sports)	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				87
19	Common Module on Cultural Awareness	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				30
20	Common Module on Comprehensive Approach	Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy				30
21	Common Module on Basic Military English	Training	BG - Rakovski National Defence College				15
22	Common Module on Cyber Security	Training	BG - Rakovski National Defence College				15
23	Common Module on Infantry Officer Winter Warfare	Training	EE - Estonian Military Academy				17

24	Common Module on Leadership, Motivation & Influence	Training	ES - Spanish Air Force Academy				46
25	Common Module on Cyber Security	Training	LT - Portuguese Military Academy				6
26	Leadership, Motivation and Influence	Training	PT - Portuguese Military Academy				6
27	Common Module on Military Leadership A	Training	RO - Land Forces Academy				112
28	Common Module on Battle Physical, Mental and Survival Training Phase I	Training	RO - Land Forces Academy				331
29	Common Module on Battle Physical, Mental and Survival Training Phase II	Training	RO - Land Forces Academy				331
30	Common Module on Budget & Finance in EU Defence Sector	Training	RO - National Defence University				34
31	Common Module on Crises Management Operations	Training	LV - National Defence Academy				79
32	Common Module on Fight in Built Up Area	Training	LV - National Defence Academy				78

	Military Erasmus Common modules under aegis of ESDC (training nr 4)	Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	Common Module on CSDP Training	Training	GR - Hellenic Air Force Academy	02/10/2023	06/10/2023	Athens	110

2	Common Module on CSDP Training	AT - Theresan Military Academy	23/10/2023	27/10/2023	Wiener Neustadt	87
3	Common Module on CSDP Training	RO - "Henri Coandă" Air Force Academy	11/12/2023	15/12/2023	Braşov	28
4	Common Module on CSDP Training	ES - Spanish Naval Academy, Marín, Pontevedra	18/12/2023	21/12/2023	Marín	49
5	Common Module on CSDP Training	IT - Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies	04/03/2024	08/03/2024	Torino	47
6	Common Module on CSDP Training	FR - French Air and Space Force Academy	15/04/2024	19/04/2024	Salon de Provence	126
7	Common Module on CSDP Training	FR - French Naval Academy	20/05/2024	24/05/2024	Brest	15
8	Common Module on CSDP Training	LT - Military Academy				8

Military Erasmus Seminars and Olympiad under aegis of ESDC		Type	Member State / Institution/ Training Actor	From	To	Location	Participants
1	EU Military Academies Commandants' Seminar (EUMACS) 2023	Seminar	ES - Spanish Air Force Academy, San Javier, Murcia	08/11/2023	10/11/2023	San Javier	-
2	EU Military Academies Commandants' Seminar (EUMACS) 2024	Seminar	BE - Royal Military Academy	05/06/2024	07/06/2024	Brussels	-
3	7 th Olympiad	Olympiad	HU - Institute for International Studies National Public Service University	01/07/2024	05/07/2024	Budapest	-

	Military Erasmus Non Common Modules & Pilot Courses	Training provider
1	Theresan Military Academic Forum	AT - Theresan Military Academy
2	The Role of International Organisations & PSO techniques	AT - Theresan Military Academy
3	Introduction to CZ / UoD	AT - Theresan Military Academy
4	Visit Bundeswehr School for Administration	AT - Theresan Military Academy
5	Visit (Introduction) Air Force School	AT - Theresan Military Academy
6	International Week	BE - Royal Military Academy
7	Military Logistics	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
8	Psychology	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
9	Basics of terrorism and counter-terrorism	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
10	Information technologies (ICT)	BG - Rakovski National Defence College

	Military Erasmus Non Common Modules & Pilot Courses	Training provider
11	Operational use of Armed Forces	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
12	Business Continuity Management in the Energy Sector and Industry	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
13	Bulgarian Language and Culture	BG - Rakovski National Defence College
14	US Military Academy Foreign Academy Exchange Programme	EE - Military Academy
15	International Month	EE - Military Academy
16	Study trip to EDF	EE - Military Academy
17	Exercise "Shield of River Emajõgi"	EE - Military Academy
18	International Training week 2023	ES - Navy Academy
19	International Training week 2024	ES - Navy Academy
20	Military Science	FR - Air & Space Force Academy
21	Naval Leadership Seminar	IT - Navy Academy
22	Language course in 2023 Winter Semester	LT - Military Academy

Military Erasmus Non Common Modules & Pilot Courses		Training provider
23	International Students Seminar on Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Armament and Aerospace	PL - Military University of Technology
24	Problems and Challenges in the face of Contemporary Threats	PL - Military University of Technology
25	International Conference of Logistics Circles, Military	PL - Military University of Technology
26	Military Multinational Sport & Shooting Games 2024	PL - Military University of Technology
27	Military Academies Commando Half Marathon	PL - Military University of Technology
28	International Air Force Cadets Week	PL - Air Force University
29	Joint English Language Course	RO - Pilot Course, Land Forces Academy
30	Languages - Security - Technology	RO - Military Technical Academy
31	Students' International Conference CERC 2024	RO - Military Technical Academy
32	English Language Course, LLT Mar-Lang project KA2	RO - Naval Academy
33	Naval Warfare Tactics	RO - Naval Academy
34	Seamanship	RO - Naval Academy
35	Cadet Naval Conference,	RO - Naval Academy

Military Erasmus Non Common Modules & Pilot Courses		Training provider
Romanian		
36	Naval Warfare	RO - Naval Academy
37	All Rounder 2023 military sports competition	SK - Air Force Academy
38	Marathon 2023	EL - Hellenic Army Academy
39	Winter Military Training Programme	EL - Hellenic Army Academy
40	Summer Military Training Programme	EL - Hellenic Army Academy
41	Cadets' International Week	LV - National Defence Academy
42	Internship/Summer Field Camp	LV - National Defence Academy
43	Historical battlefield visit	LV - National Defence Academy
44	Workshop on AI and Language Teaching	PT - Portuguese Military Academy

Military Erasmus Semester		Training institution
International Semester	Winter	AT - Theresan Academy, Austria x4
Erasmus Semester		BE - Royal Military Academy, Belgium
International Semester	Air Force	BG - Air Force Academy, Bulgaria

Military Erasmus Semester		Training institution			
International Semester	Winter	BG	-	National Defence University, Bulgaria	
International Semester,	Summer	BG	-	National Defence University	
International Semester x4	Spring	CZ - University of Defence			
International Fall Semester		FR - Saint-Cyr Military Academy			
International Semester	Spring	FR - Saint-Cyr Military Academy			
International Semester	Air Force	EL - Air Force Academy			
International Naval Semester		IT - Navy Academy			
International Semester x4	Winter	LT - Military Academy, Lithuania			
International Semester,	Spring	NO	-	Defence University College	
International Semester x5	Spring	PL - Military University of Land Forces			
International Semester	Air Force	PL - Air Force University			
International Semester x2		PL - Naval Academy,			
International Semester	Spring	PT - Military Academy			
International Semester	Air Force	PT - Air Force Academy			
International Semester	Air Force	RO - Air Force Academy 'Henri Coandă'			

Military Erasmus Semester		Training institution			
International Semester		RO - Land Forces Academy			
European Technical Semester for Defence and Security x 3	Common	RO	-	Military Technical Academy	
International Fall Semester,		RO - Naval Academy			
International Semester	Spring	RO - Naval Academy			
International Semester	Spring	EL - Army Academy			
Naval Semester		BG - Naval Academy 'Nikola Vaptsarov'			
International Semester		BG - Naval Academy 'Nikola Vaptsarov'			
International Naval Semester		BG - Naval Academy 'Nikola Vaptsarov'			
International Semester	Fall/Winter	FR - Naval Academy			
International Semester		FR - Naval Academy			
International Spring/Summer Semester		FR - Naval Academy			
International Semester x2		PT - Military Academy			
International Semester x4		IT - School of Applied Military Studies			
International Fall Semester x2		IT - School of Applied Military Studies			
International Semester x2	Spring	IT - School of Applied Military Studies			

Military Erasmus Semester	Training institution
International Fall Semester,	ES - Army Academy
International Spring Semester x3	ES - Army Academy
International Fall Semester	HU - Ludovika University of Public Service
International Spring Semester	HU - Ludovika University of Public Service

Military Erasmus Outgoing to NON- BOEI Basic Officer Education Institutions

- International Training on the Job/Internships, Theresan Military Academy
Summer Semester 2024 Recce School, Theresan Military Academy
- Graduation Tour to Brussels, Theresan Military Academy
Winter Semester Army Officers School, Theresan Military Academy
- Winter Semester CA / Montreal, Theresan Military Academy
Winter Semester CA / Kingston, Theresan Military Academy
- Winter Semester US / Annapolis & West Point Theresan Military Academy
US Military Academy Foreign Academy Exchange Programme, Military Academy

Military Erasmus Outgoing to NON- BOEI Basic Officer Education Institutions

- Internships at Icelandic Coast Guard, Military Academy
Practical training in the simulator of Latvian Navy, Military Academy
- Internships at Swedish Navy, Estonian Military Academy
Study trip to Latvian Air Force and Lithuanian Air Force, Military Academy
- Semester for Spanish Students at West Point Military Academy, Army Academy
Fall Semester in USNA for Spanish Military Students, Navy Academy
- Semester for Spanish Students at West Point Military Academy, Navy Academy
International Semester, Saint-Cyr Military Academy
- International Month, Saint-Cyr Military Academy
Internships in 2023 Winter Semester, Military Academy
- International Winter Semester 2023, Military Academy
International Spring Semester 2024, Military Academy
- Internships in 2023 Winter Semester, Military Academy
Mobility for Training, Military Academy
- Short duration mobility, Military Academy
Blended Mobility, Military Academy
- Internships of French officer-cadets, Land Forces Academy
Exchange Programme , West Point, USA, Land Forces Academy
- Erasmus+ Internships, Military Technical Academy

Military Erasmus Outgoing to NON- BOEI Basic Officer Education Institutions

- Cadets Week in Canada, National Defence Academy
- Traineeship Complex Operations Course, Norway, National Defence Academy

Military Erasmus Internships

- PL - Military University of Technology x2
- HU - Ludovika University of Public Service x2

Military Erasmus Internships

- AT - Theresan Military Academy x4
- BE - Royal Military Academy x3
- BG - Air Force Academy x2
- BG - National Defence University
- BG - Rakovski National Defence College
- CZ - University of Defence x4
- EE - Military Academy
- FR - Air & Space Force Academy x4
- IT - School of Applied Military Studies x3
- LT - Military Academy x4
- NO - Defence University College
- PL - Naval Academy
- RO - Military Technical Academy x4
- RO - Naval Academy
- SK - Air Force Academy
- GR - Hellenic Army Academy
- RO - Air Force Academy 'Henri Coandă ' x2
- LV - National Defence Academy x4
- PT - Military Academy

Annex 6: Stand-alone e-learning Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs) on ILIAS platform

ESDC eLearning resources consists of 69 active Autonomous eLearning Units (AKUs). They were developed with the cooperation with EAB members and ESDC partners.

Autonomous Knowledge Unit

AKU Number and Title	Actors involved (partners)
AKU 1 - History and Context of ESDP/CSDP Development	Geneva Centre for Security Policy
AKU 2 - European Union Global Strategy (_EUGS_)	BE - Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations
AKU 3 - Role of EU Institutions in the field of CFSP/ CSDP	AT - Institute for Strategy and Security Policy National Defence Academy
AKU 4 - CSDP Crisis Management Structures	AT - Federal Ministry of Defence EU - EEAS
AKU 5 - EU Crisis Management and Capability Development	EU - EEAS (SECDEFPOL 1, ISP1, CPCC); EUMS; EDA
AKU 6 - Decision making and planning for CSDP Missions and Ops	AT - Federal Ministry of Defence
AKU 7 - Impact of Lisbon Treaty on CSDP	PT - Military Academy
AKU 8 - Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Means of Delivery	IHEDN (FR), Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (UK), Council of the EU, Université de Liege (BE)
AKU 9 - The Security Implications of Climate Change	EU - European Union Military Staff
AKU 10 - EU Mediation and Negotiation Capacities	FI - Foreign Ministry
AKU 11A - Gender and the UNSCR 1325 women, peace and security agenda	European Centre of Excellence for Civilian Crisis Management - Gothenburg University

AKU 11B - Gender aspects in missions and operations	NL - Ministry of Defence ES - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
AKU 12A - Course for NEWJOINERS in the OHQ NORTHWOOD	EUNAVFOR SOMALIA OHQ
AKU 15 - European Armaments Cooperation (EAC)	AT - Ministry of Defence
AKU 16 - An introduction to the Protection of Civilians (PoC) v.2	AT - Ministry of Defence
AKU 17 - Fragility and Crisis Management	EC/DG DEVCO
AKU 18 - EUMS Read-ahead package (part A)	EU -European Union Military Staff
AKU 18 - EUMS Read-ahead package (part B)	EU -European Union Military Staff
AKU 21 - Intercultural Awareness	AT - National Defence Academy
AKU 23 - Security Sector Reform	DCAF/ISSAT and UNITAR
AKU 24A - EUCCIS - Learning Unit	EU - European External Action Service /MDR
AKU 24B - GOALKEEPER/ SCHOOLMASTER	EU - EEA.CMDP
AKU 25 - The EU's Mutual Assistance Clause	BE - Egmont/AIES
AKU 26 -- Military (EUMS) Contribution to Planning at the Political-Strategic Level	EU - EUMS
AKU 29 - Conflict Sensitivity (provided by EC/DG DEVCO)	EU - EC/DG DEVCO
AKU 33A - But, Will It Work Online?	NO - Defence University College
AKU 33B - Yes, It Does Work Online	NO - Defence University College
AKU 34: PM2 - The EC's Project Management Methodology	PM2 Alliance
AKU 35 - Project Portfolio Management	PM2 Alliance

AKU 36 - Civilian CSDP Compact	EU - European External Action Service EU - European Union Institute for Security Studies
AKU 37 - Conflict Analysis Course	EU - European External Action Service
AKU 38 - Space, Defence and Security	EU - European Union Institute for Security Studies
AKU 39 - Armaments Cooperation	EU - European Union Institute for Security Studies
AKU 41 - Key principles of the legal framework of defence related EU policy making	DE - Federal Ministry of Defence
AKU 43 - The EU Approach to Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration	DE - Federal Ministry of Defence
AKU 44 - The European Defence Fund	DE - Federal Ministry of Defence
AKU 45 - Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)	DE - Federal Ministry of Defence
AKU 55 - Strategic Compass	EU - European External Action Service
AKU 88 - EUPCST Material, modular	EUPCST, POLIISI, CMC Finland
AKU 104b - Information Security Management and ICT Security, ENISA	EU - European Union Agency for Cybersecurity, modular
AKU104c - Complementary Cryptography eLearning by ENISA	EU - European Union Agency for Cybersecurity, modular
AKU 104d - Emotet Attack Scenario	EU - European Union Agency for Cybersecurity
AKU 105 - Cyber Situational awareness for senior decision makers	BE - Royal Military Academy
AKU 106a - H-CoE Adversarial Behaviour	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
AKU 106b - H-CoE The Landscape of Hybrid Threats	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
AKU 106c - H-CoE The changing security environment (HS2)	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
AKU 106d - HCoE Introduction to Hybrid Deterrence	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

AKU 106e - HCoE Hybrid Warfare (JS)	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
AKU 106f - Hybrid Threats & Maritime Security (JS)	European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats
AKU 107 - Awareness course on Cyber Diplomacy	EU - European Union Institute for Security Studies
The Cyber Defence Policy Framework (CDPF)	EU - European External Action Service
AKU 109 - Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Introduction Course	EL -Hellenic National Defence General Staff
AKU 110 - Basic Analysis Course (BAC)	EL - Hellenic National Defence General Staff
AKU 111 - Image Intelligence Introduction Course	EL - Hellenic National Defence General Staff
AKU 112 - Linux Fundamentals	EU - ESDC CYBER ETEE
AKU113 - Pentester Tools - Basic Course	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence
AKU 114 - Cyber Range - cybersecurity in practice	PL - Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence
AKU 118 - Incident Response Fundamentals	EU - ESDC CYBER ETEE
AKU 121 - Countering Disinformation with Applied OSINT Techniques	EL -Hellenic National Defence General Staff
AKU 200 - Conflicts and Crisis Management: The EU as a global actor	EU - EEAS
AKU 201 - Crisis Management Scenario SCORM	EU - European Union Military Staff
	IE - Maynooth University
	IT - Centre for High Defence Studies CASD
AKU 202 - EU Integrated Approach to Conflict and Crisis Advanced Modular Training	EL - Hellenic National Defence General Staff
AKU 206 - Get blended with ILIAS LMS	CASD (IT), Maynooth University (IE), EUMS (HSJWC (GR), SWEDINT (SE)
AKU 207 - BBB + ILIAS: Be 'Synchronous'	EU - ESDC (eLearning)
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AKU 208 - Introduction to Sectoral Qualifications Framework for Military Officers (SQF-MILOF)

AKU 300 - Intercultural Competence in Civilian Crisis Management

Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management

AKU 301 - Stress Management (ENTRI)

Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management

AKU 302 - EUMS IM TRAINING, modular

EU - European Union Military Staff

EU Military Medical Operations Introduction Course

EU - European Union Military Staff

Annex 7: List of Member Institutions of the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers (Military Erasmus)

AT	Theresan Military Academy	NO	Norwegian Defence University College
BE	Royal Military Academy	PL	Military University of Technology
BG	Air Force Academy 'Georgi Benkovski'	PL	Air Force University
BG	National Defence Academy 'G.S. Georgi Rakovski'	PL	'General Tadeusz Kościuszko' Military University of Land Forces
BG	National Military University 'Vasil Levski'	PL	Naval Academy of the Heroes of Westerplatte
BG	Naval Academy 'Nikola Vaptsarov'	PT	Air Force Academy
BG	National Military University 'Vasil Levski' Artillery Air Defence	PT	Military Academy
HR	Croatian Defence Academy 'Dr. Franjo Tuđman'	PT	Naval Academy
CY	Cyprus Security and Defence Academy	RO	Air Force Academy 'Henri Coandă'
CZ	Czech University of Defence	RO	Land Forces Academy 'Nicolae Balcescu'
EL	Hellenic Army Academy	RO	Military Technical Academy 'Ferdinand I'
EL	Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers	RO	National Defence University 'Carol I'
EL	Hellenic Naval Academy	RO	Naval Academy 'Mircea cel Batran'
EL	Hellenic Military Nursing Academy	SK	Armed Forces Academy 'General Milan Rastislav Štefánik'
EL	Hellenic Air Force Academy		
ES	Air Force Academy		
ES	Military Academy		
ES	Naval Academy		
ES	Defence University		
EE	Estonian Military Academy		
FR	Air & Space Force Academy		
FR	Military Academy of Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan		
FR	Naval Academy		
HU	Ludovika University of Public Service		
IE	Cadet School Military College		
IT	Education & Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies		
IT	Naval Academy		
IT	Air Force Academy		
LV	Latvian National Defence Academy		
LT	Lithuanian Military Academy General Jonas Žemaitis'		

Annex 8: List of Member Institutions of the Sectoral Qualification Framework for Military Officers executive group (SQF-MILEG)

AT Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence'	RO Ministry of National Defence, Human Resources
EL Hellenic National Defence General Staff	ES National Defence Advanced Studies Centre
ES Spanish Ministry of Defence	EUROMIL
FI Defence Command Finland/Training Division	BG National Military University 'Vasil Levski'
HR Croatian Defence Academy	PT Portugal National Guard
IT Ministry of Defence	RO Romanian Air Force Academy 'Henri Coandă'
LT General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania	
PT General Directorate of National Defence Resources	

Annex 9: List of Member Institutions of the Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (SSR/DDR) Configuration

AT The Austrian Ministry of Defence/Implementation Office for Arms Control and International Stabilisation Measures in cooperation with the Austrian Centre for Peace.

CH The Geneva-based International Security Sector Advisory Team of the Geneva Centre for Democratic control of Armed Forces

DE Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies

GE The Defence Institution Building School in Georgia

IT The Italian Post Conflict Operations Study Centre

MD The Ștefan cel Mare Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

RO The Romanian National College of Home Affairs

SE The Swedish Folke Bernadotte Academy

Annex 10: List of Member Institutions of the Working Group on Missions and Operations-related Training (WGMOT)

AT Austrian Centre for Peace
BE Egmont Institute
CH Geneva Centre for Security Policy
DE North Rhine-Westphalia State Police
DE Baden-Württemberg State Police
DE Centre for International Peace Operations
DE German Federal Police Academy
FI Crisis Management Centre
GR Hellenic Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Centre
IT Security and Freedom for Europe Foundation
PT Portuguese National Republican Guard
RO Romanian National College of Home Affairs
SE Folke Bernadotte Academy
SI/EU European Union Civilian Training Initiative
SL Centre for European Perspective

Annex 11: List of Member Institutions of the Climate Security and Defence Training Platform (CSD TP)

AT Austrian Center for Peace	GR "Deree" American College of Athens
CY European University Cyprus	GR Hellenic Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Centre
CY The Cyprus Institute	GR National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos
CY Security and Defence Academy of Cyprus	GR University of Piraeus
DE Centre for International Peace Operations	IT Institut de Formation d'Intelligence Interculturelle
DE Department for International Police Missions of the LAFP	NATO Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence
DE Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance	RO National College of Home Affairs
DE Centre for International Peace Operations	SI Peace Operations Training Centre of Slovenia
FR Institute For Intercultural Intelligence Training, The Institute For Intercultural Intelligence	SE Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency
	SE Folke Bernadotte Academy

Annex 12: List of Member Institutions of EAB.Cyber

AT Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES)	IT Interagency Law Enforcement Academy of Advanced Studies
AT Austrian Institute of Technology	LT Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)
BE Joint Research Centre (JRC)	LU Computer Incident Response Centre Luxembourg (CIRCL)
BE Solvay Lifelong Learning	MD Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
CH Geneva Centre for Security Policy	MD European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova
CY Digital Authority of Cyprus (DSA)	ME University of Montenegro
CY European University of Cyprus	NATO Nato Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre (NMIOTC)
CY Open University of Cyprus (OUC)	PL Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence of the Polish MoD
CY University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)	PL University of Lodz
CY University of Nicosia	PT Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR)
DE Albstadt--Sigmaringen University, Faculty of Computer Science	PT National Defence Institute of Portugal (IDN)
DE Bundeswehr Command and Staff College	RE Academic Training Directorate of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff
DE German Federal Ministry of Defence	RO Constanta Maritime University
DE Helmut Schmidt-University of Applied Sciences (BDC)	RO National Institute for Development and Research in Informatics (ICI)
EE Baltic Defence College (BDC)	RO Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate
EU European Defence Agency (EDA)	RO University "Politehnica" of Bucharest
EU European External Action Service	USA New York University
EU European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)	
EU European Union Military Staff	
FI European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE)	
FR The Institute for Intercultural Intelligence Training (IFDII)	
GR Greek Ministry for Digital Governance	
GR Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs MFA	
GR Hellenic Joint Intelligence School (HJIS)	
GR National Centre For Scientific Research Demokritos (NCSR)	
GR University of Piraeus	
GR University of Thessaly (UTH)	
HU Institute for International Studies National Public Service University (NUPS)	
IE Óglaigh na hÉireann Irish Defence Forces	

Annex 13: List of Member Institutions of EUMSSF

AT Theresan Military Academy	PT Instituto dos Pupilos do Exército
BE Technisch Instituut Sint-Vincentius	RO National Military School Mihai Viteazul
HU General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania	RO The National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare
IT Teulie' Military School	RO Colegiul Național Militar "A.I.Cuza"
IT Nunziatella Military School	RO - CNM "Dimitrie Cantemir" - Breaza
IT Navy Military High School Francesco Morosini	RO - Tudor Vladimirescu National Military High School
IT Scuola Militare Aeronautica 'Giulio Douhet'	SK Military Secondary School Moravska
LV Colonel Oskars Kalpaks Military High School	RS Secondary Vocational Military School
PT Colégio Militar	UA Naval Military High School from Odessa

Annex 14: List of geographical ESDC Outreach Activities

Western Balkans

- Cyber Security Basics for Non-Technical Experts, in Podgorice, Montenegro
- Cyber Incident Responder focus on Western Balkans with participation supported by NATO DEEP program, Athens, Greece

BLACK SEA

- The Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas for the EU, Thessaloniki, Greece

MOLDOVA

- Cybersecurity Educator (Moldova and EaP), Chisinau, Moldova
- Regional Cybersecurity Symposium (contribution)
- Moldova Cybersecurity Forum (contribution)

UKRAINE

- Fellowship EU Cyber Direct Project (contribution)

Armenia

- Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) training
- Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference, Yerevan, Armenia

Eastern Partnership

- Diplomatic skills for CSDP
- Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (CSDP Mission in EaP)

MENA and Gulf region

- The challenges of securing maritime areas for the European Union

Latin America

- EU & Latin America and the Caribbean bi-regional seminar on peace, security and defence challenges

Indo-Pacific with ESIWA project

- Seminar on The EU Counterterrorism and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Ecosystem and Priorities of Practice
- The role of the EU Cyber Ecosystem in the Global Cyber Security Stability

Annex 15: List of other contributed activities

The INSECON International Cybersecurity Congress

INSECON held in Poznan, Poland on 15-16 April 2024, aimed to raise awareness of current and future cyberspace threats and share effective security practices. Over 1,000 participants explored trends, challenges, and innovations in cybersecurity, with a focus on the strategic aspects crucial to national, European, and global security. Polish officials, EU and NATO representatives, and military personnel discussed cybersecurity and defence challenges. The European Security and Defence College presented its vision on cyber training and education.

2024 Annual Cyber Project Community Meeting

On 15 May 2024, the EU CyberNet project, in collaboration with the European Commission and the European External Action Service hosted the annual Cyber Project Community meeting in Brussels. The event brought together EU-funded cyber project implementers and institutions to discuss shared interests, policy, programming, and operational updates on cyber-related projects. Presentations covered policy updates from EEAS, Europol, ENISA, and other EU bodies. The European Security and Defence College shared its vision for cyber training and education, offering over 40 cyber curricula. A session on the ethical and secure application of AI in cybersecurity was also included.

Cyberspace and artificial intelligence: developing a common resilience to the hybrid threat in the wider Mediterranean

It was a workshop, held on 28 March 2024 in Rome organised by the Department of Legal and Political Sciences of Guglielmo Marconi University, with support from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Cybersecurity Agency. Discussions focused on cyberspace, artificial intelligence, and the challenges of cyber and technological developments, aimed at supporting Italy's and the EU's efforts against hybrid threats in the Mediterranean region. The European Security and Defence College presented its Cyber Education, Training, Exercise, and Evaluation Platform, highlighting its role in implementing EU cyber defence policies, particularly concerning artificial intelligence advancements.

EU Symposium "Command and Control, a Strategic Compass Critical Enabler"

Symposium was organised under the auspices of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU, 28-29 November 2023, at European Defence Agency (EDA). The event featured military and civilian experts from EU Member States, institutions, NATO, and industry, discussing ways to improve EU defence capabilities. Topics included cyber training, the EU Strategic Compass, cyber defence policy, and cooperation with NATO. The symposium also provided updates on CSDP command and control projects, focusing on digitalization, multi-domain operations, and collaborative efforts in enhancing EU

defence and cyber command capabilities. The EU Symposium on 'Command and Control: a Strategic Compass Critical Enabler', held under the auspices of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU (EU2023ES), took place from 28 to 29 November 2023 at the European Defence Agency (EDA) in Brussels.

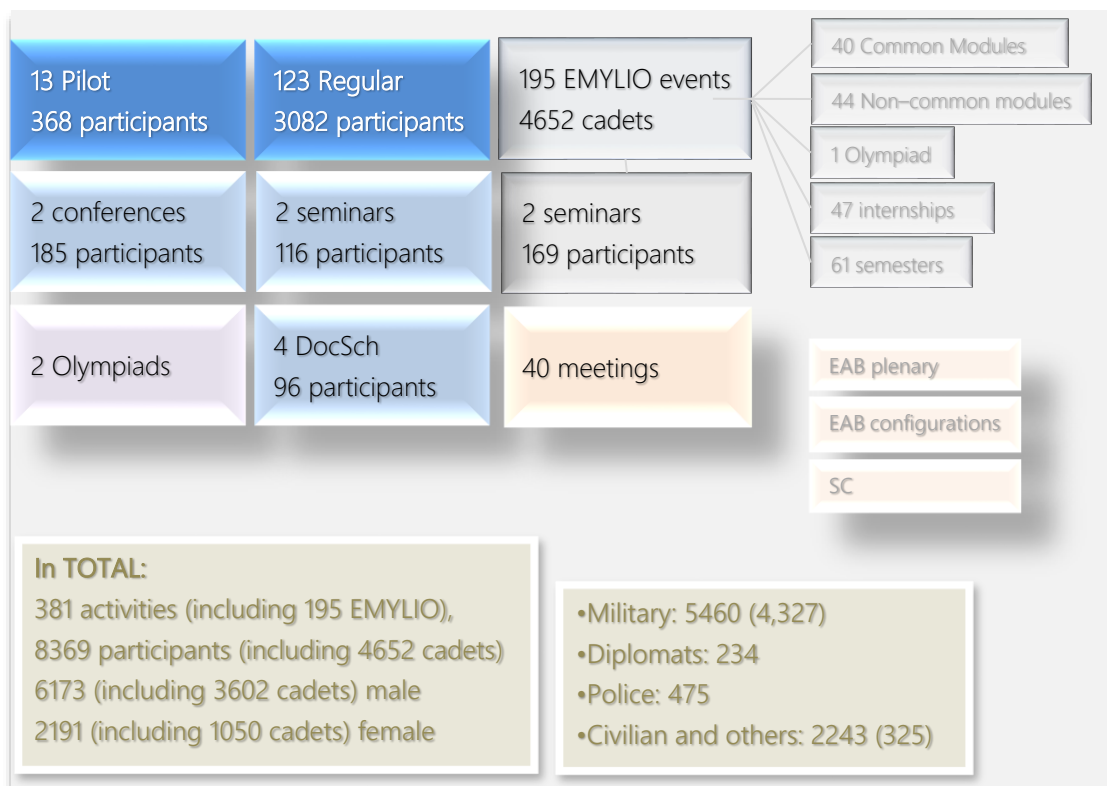
[The 27th conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres \(IAPTC\)](#)

Conference took place from 6 to 10 November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya. It offered stakeholders a forum to broaden contacts and discussions, to share ideas and experiences, good practices and lessons learnt, with a view to harmonising training programmes in line with evolving contemporary trends and threats. The European Security and Defence College had a prominent role at the conference. It was part of the opening panel on 'Future peace operations' together with representatives from the United Nations and the African Union. The ESDC focused on the Common Security and Defence Policy training landscape and the unique role of the college in supporting training initiatives connected to CSDP missions and operations. Moreover, as the current Chair of the regional European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC), the European Security and Defence College reported on the outcomes of the annual conference it organised in Brussels in June 2023. This was done together with the regional associations of Peace Operations Training Centres from Africa, Asia and South America.

[The EU Cybersecurity Strategy](#)

It focuses on increasing resilience, enhancing technological sovereignty, and strengthening EU leadership in cybersecurity. It aims to build operational capacity to counter cyber threats and promote global cooperation for an open cyberspace. A recent training course organised by the European Security and Defence College and Italy's Interagency Law Enforcement Academy brought together over 40 participants from law enforcement, military, civilian, and diplomatic sectors. The course facilitated discussions on the strategic, tactical, and operational aspects of the strategy. Experts from various EU and national bodies contributed to lectures on current and future developments in cybersecurity.

Annex 16: Training and education under aegis of ESDC in total



Annex 17: The ESDC Network - new stakeholders

This academic year, ESDC welcomed 11 new partners, from Associate Network partners to full Network members.

Network Members

BE - Solvay Lifelong Learning Institute

GR - National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos

Acceding Network Members

CY - Neapolis University Pafos

CY - The University of Cyprus

FR - Intelligence College in Europe

IT - Guglielmo Marconi University

RO - The Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate

Associate Network Partners

MD - Ștefan cel Mare Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

MD - The Moldova Armed Forces Military Academy

MD - The European Institute for Political Studies of Moldova

MD - The Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova