Common Module
Common Security and Defence Policy
Module Description

Implementation Group	
Doc.:	IG/2013/07
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Origin:	ESDC SECRETARIAT

Country	Institution	Module	ECTS
-	**Implementation Group**	**Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**	**2.0 (+ 1.0 e-learning)**

	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers
Service **All**	• **Officers:** ○ English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG Level 3, ○ Relevant expertise on CSDP, ○ International experience.
Language **English**	• **Civilians:** ○ English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG Level 3, ○ Expertise on relevant topics, ○ Relevant academic publications.
SQF MILOF	• **Competence area** - International Security/Diplomacy Actor • **Learning area** - International organisations • **Organisation level** - Single Arm/Branch

Prerequisites for international participants	**Aim of the Module**
• English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2. • At least 2 years of national (military) education. • Basic knowledge of International Politics and Relations, EU, CFSP, CSDP. It could be obtained via ESDC Internet Distance Learning.	To know the role of different international organisations with implications for security, defence, and conflict management by revealing the interdependencies among major international organisations.

Learning outcomes		
	Know-ledge	• Explain the international relations theory • Express interdependencies among international governmental and non-governmental organisations, independent agencies and strategic partners around the world.
	Skills	• Contextualise the military instruments within the national and global security environment in an unpredictable international environment
	R&A	• Take decisions and implement relevant actions necessary to promote an environment conducive to promoting the objectives and principles of international cooperation.

Evaluation of learning outcomes
• **Observation**: Throughout the seminar officer students are to be observed and evaluated on their understanding to allow for remedial action if need be. • **Discussion**: Throughout the seminar officer students are to discuss given topics in syndicates and in the plenary to allow for reflexions and in-depth understanding. • **Test:** Written tests during the e-learning phase and at the (beginning) end of the Module.

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Module Details (the content is as an example and depends on the course director decision)				
Topic	**Resi-dential**	**E-learning**	**Details**	
The European Union	4	4	• History • Institutional framework. • Pillar structures	• Achievements • CFSP
CSDP	5	4	• Structures • European Security Strategy • Crisis management	• Decision-making process • CSDP and the Lisbon Treaty • Europeanisation of officer training
EU missions and operations	4	3	• Comprehensive approach • Capabilities	• Berlin+ agreement • Lessons learned
EU and partners	3	-	• UN • NATO • OSCE • AU	• ASEAN • Regional aspects and neighbourhood policy
Horizontal issues	2	3	• human rights • gender issues	• legal aspects
Recent CSDP initiative	2	-	• Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) • European Defence Fund (EDF) • Military Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) • Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD) • European Intervention Initiative (EI2)	
Future develop-ments	2	-	• The changing scenario (multipolarism, unipolarism, bipolarism, non polarism) • The new regionalism as a reaction to declining hegemony of superpowers • EU strategic interest in the 21st Century	
Total lectures and e-learning lessons	22	14	A minimum of AKUs is part of the regular CM and is required in order to have a minimum of common knowledge before the residential phase. In addition, in case of a 3 ECTS CSDP CM Version it is required 1/3 of lectures is via e-learning. In both cases the selection of e-learning topics is up to the Course Director mainly by using the e-learning materials available on the ESDC platform or provided by the institute.	
Self-Studies	28	11	• Preparation for the upcoming lessons and for exam(s). • Reflection of the topics issued. • E-learning (ESDC Platform) self-studies is also counted.	
Total	**50 2 ECTS**	**25 1 ECTS**	The total amount of hours depends on the selected version (2 or 3 ECTS) and it is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules. The Course Director is invited to integrate in the module some syndicate works in order to emphasize the team working.	

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List of Abbreviations:

ASEAN — Association of South-East Asian Nations

AKU — Autonomous Knowledge Unit

AU — African Union

CEFR — Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

CFSP — Common Foreign and Security Policy

CM — Common Module

CSDP — Common Security and Defence Policy

ECTS — European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

ESS — European Security Strategy

EU — European Union

EUGS — European Union Global Strategy

NATO — North Atlantic Treaty Organization

STANAG — Standardization Agreement

UN — United Nations

WH — Working Hour