



8th Common Security and Defence Policy Olympiad 2026 – List of nominated persons (participants and evaluators)

Please send this list to the ESDC Training Manager (Christoforos.CHRISTOFOROU@eeas.europa.eu) and to the IG Chair (harald.gell@inode.at)



Names (+ participants' & evaluators' data) **by 18 April 2025** / essays' topics (last column) **by 23 May 2025**

Remark: Cadets / Midshipmen / Students can only be nominated if 1 or more evaluators are nominated as well

1) List of Cadets / Midshipmen / Students who will participate in the 8th CSDP Olympiad (maximum five names per country)

No.:	Country (use official EU country abbreviation)	Institution (English version of the institution)	Academic degree(s) (if applicable)	Rank	FAMILY NAME	Forename	E-mail-address	Phone (include country code)	Title of the essay (by 23 May 2025) (one out of the decided 10 topics – see next page) Type-in the number
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2) Cadet / Midshipman / Student who will propose a cover-page for the 8th CSDP Olympiad (maximum one name with one proposal per institution)

Remark: It could be one of the Cadets / Midshipmen / Students out of point 1) – or it could be an additional one.

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3) List of Evaluators who will evaluate essays for the 8th CSDP Olympiad

(At least 1 evaluator per country, which sends Cadets / Midshipmen / Students, must be nominated. More evaluators are most welcome – then add lines below).

Evaluators are strongly recommended coming to the 8th CSDP Olympiad's residential phase – but it is not a must.

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4) POC(s) of the institution, whom all the information should be sent to

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Essay topics → → see next page → →



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Important remark:

Cadets / Midshipmen / Students have to select **one** out of the following 10 topics.

It is **not allowed** to hand-in **own topics** or **adaptions** of the listed 10 topics.

No.	Topic
1	The challenges for an EU “Commissioner for Defence and Space”.
2	The effect of climate change on future Common Security and Defence Policy missions and operations.
3	Challenges for cyber-defence in the context of Common Security and Defence Policy.
4	The danger of disinformation and misinformation for the Common Security and Defence Policy.
5	The European Union’s Strategic compass – a new strategic approach for CSDP?
6	The purpose and achievements of the “ <i>European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus</i> ”.
7	Potential future tasks for RDC (Rapid Deployment Capacity).
8	Strategic interests of the European Union within CSDP boundaries.
9	Skills and competences achieved by Military Erasmus (EMILYO) exchanges.
10	The need for a European Union nuclear umbrella.