



# **European Security and Defence Joint Master Programme (ESDM)**

*leading to a*

# **Joint European Master Degree in European Security and Defence**

*A proposal*

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# Why now? - The European Joint Degree Initiative

- to enhance the global competitiveness and appeal of European education
- envisions transnational degrees that provide a truly European academic experience.
- A two-phase implementation: a **joint degree label** followed by a full joint degree framework by **2029**.
- Requirements for **transnational cooperation, integrated curricula, and student mobility**.
- Emphasis on a strong **European identity**, adherence to **quality assurance standards**, and **automatic cross-border recognition** of qualifications.



*Proposal*



From **basic education** to **doctoral studies** through **joint master degree**

# European Security and Defence Joint Master



## What

Joint European master degree composed of courses offered by the academies and universities from the ESDC network, along with a range of core courses and elective micro-credentials/courses from ESDC's existing offerings.

## Aim

To enhance the EU's common security and defence culture.

## Key benefits

- Advancing ESDC's reform by streamlining and standardizing its course offerings.
- Supporting EU policies on joint degrees and micro-credentials.
- Promoting stackability of courses (e.g. Orientation Course → High-Level Course).
- Allowing ESDC courses to serve both regular participants and ESDM students, with the latter receiving enrolment priority.





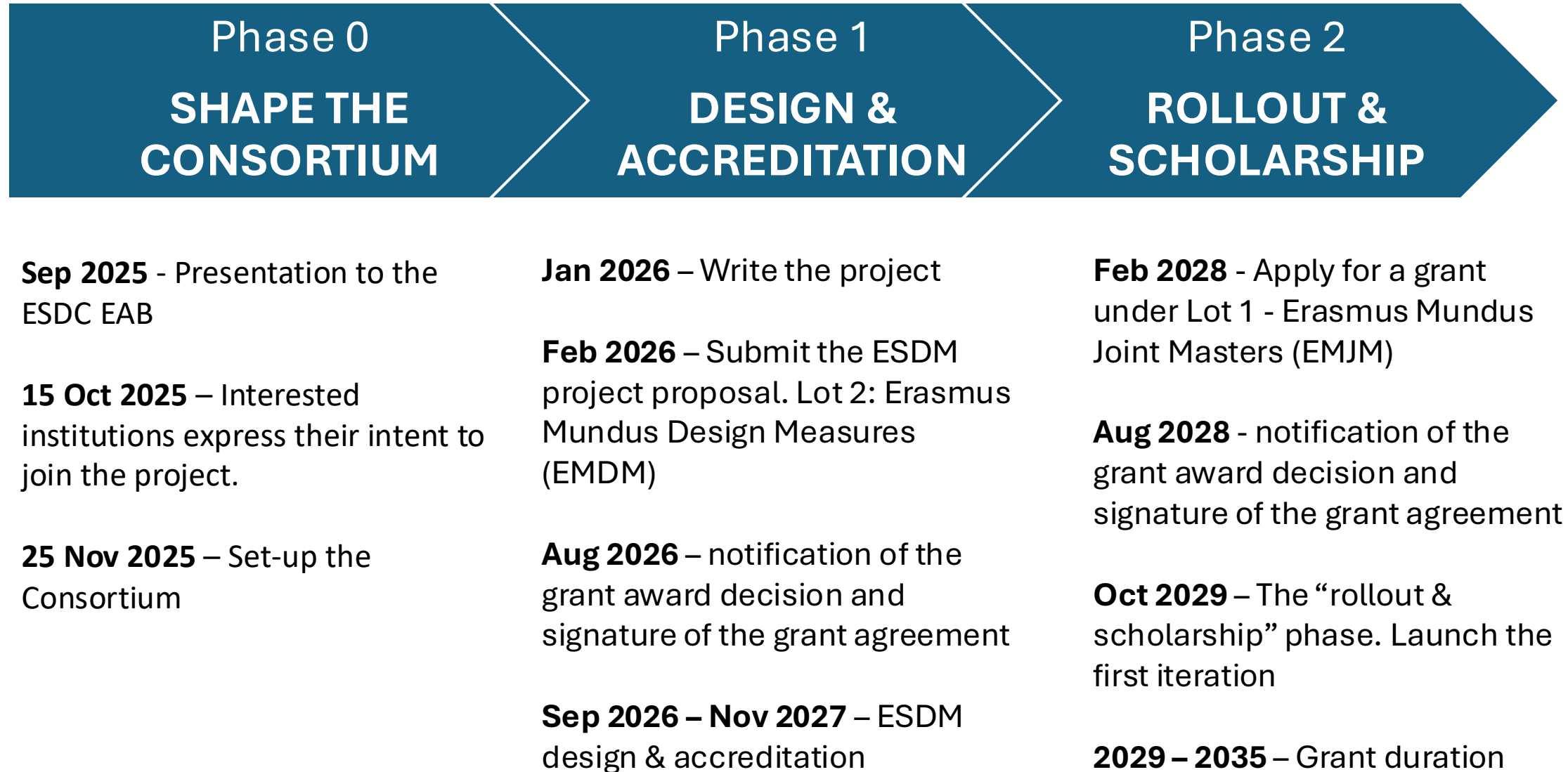
# ESDM Framework

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- **Audience.** Civ –Mil
- **Degree.** Joint European degree
- **Prerequisites.** 240-180 ECTS, 2-3 years experience, English C1 level
- **Duration.** Flexible, 2 years
- **Accreditation.** European Quality Assurance and Recognition System in Higher Education
- **Funding.** ERASMUS Mundus
- **Seats.** Max 100, capped by the ERASMUS Mundus.
- **Format.** Blended



# Tentative calendar



Interested institutions are invited to:

**15 Oct 2025** – express their intent to join the project

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