



European Security  
and Defence College



# MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE COMPETITION

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# 01 OBJECTIVES

**1. Enhance physical endurance and mental resilience**

**2. Strengthen leadership and team cohesion**

**3. Build mountain warfare and fieldcraft skills**



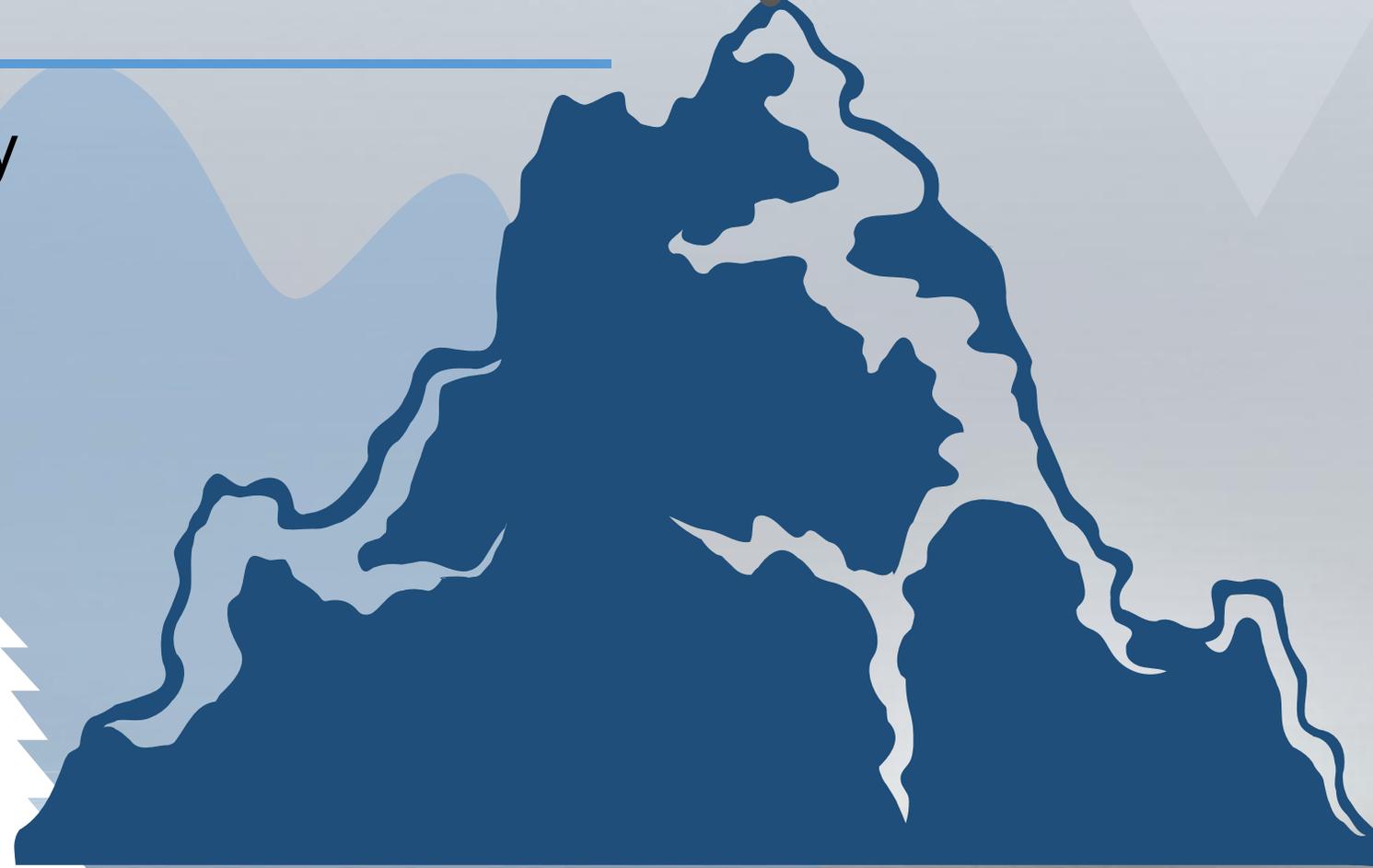
**4. Instill military values and competitive spirit**

**5. Promote international visibility, reputation, and the professional image of the institution**

# 02 PARTICIPANTS

**TEAMS** - 5 cadets +1 instructor /referee  
(for a different country team)

1 team / participating country



# 03 PERIOD / DURATION / LOCATION

## PERIOD

Option 1: 20-24.07.2026

Option 2: 19-23.10.2026

## DURATION – 5 days



## LOCATION

CRINT MOUNTAIN CAMP  
and  
FAGARAS MOUNTAINS



| MONDAY  | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| induction day<br>(preparation of<br>equipment, land<br>navigation/map<br>reading +<br>administrative<br>issues) | COMPETITION DAYS |           |          | debriefing/<br>lessons learned/<br>closing ceremony |

# 04 TASKS

**Loaded mountain march** (timed, with standard military load, checkpoints) with the integration of a small ISR drone operator at selected checkpoints, used for route reconnaissance, terrain observation, and objective identification in support of informed decision-making for movement toward the next checkpoint.

**Obstacle crossing** (natural/artificial obstacles).

**Air-land task** (helicopter insertion, LZ procedures, immediate action drill, casualty evacuation, extraction).

**Tactical tasks** (patrolling, reaction to enemy contact, basic/small-unit tactical procedures) conducted under simulated aerial presence through the controlled flight of small drones, introducing psychological pressure generated by their persistent sound.



**Casualty evacuation** uphill/downhill (with stretcher), incorporating a simulated aerial detection component by attaching a visible marker (e.g., balloon) to the stretcher to represent increased exposure during evacuation, requiring teams to apply principles of cover and concealment while extracting the casualty.

# 05 EQUIPMENT

## INDIVIDUAL

- ✓ Combat uniform appropriate to terrain and weather
- ✓ Military boots suitable for mountain movement
- ✓ Helmet (ballistic or training)
- ✓ Load-bearing equipment / backpack
- ✓ Individual first aid kit (IFAK)
- ✓ Gloves and eye protection
- ✓ Personal hydration system



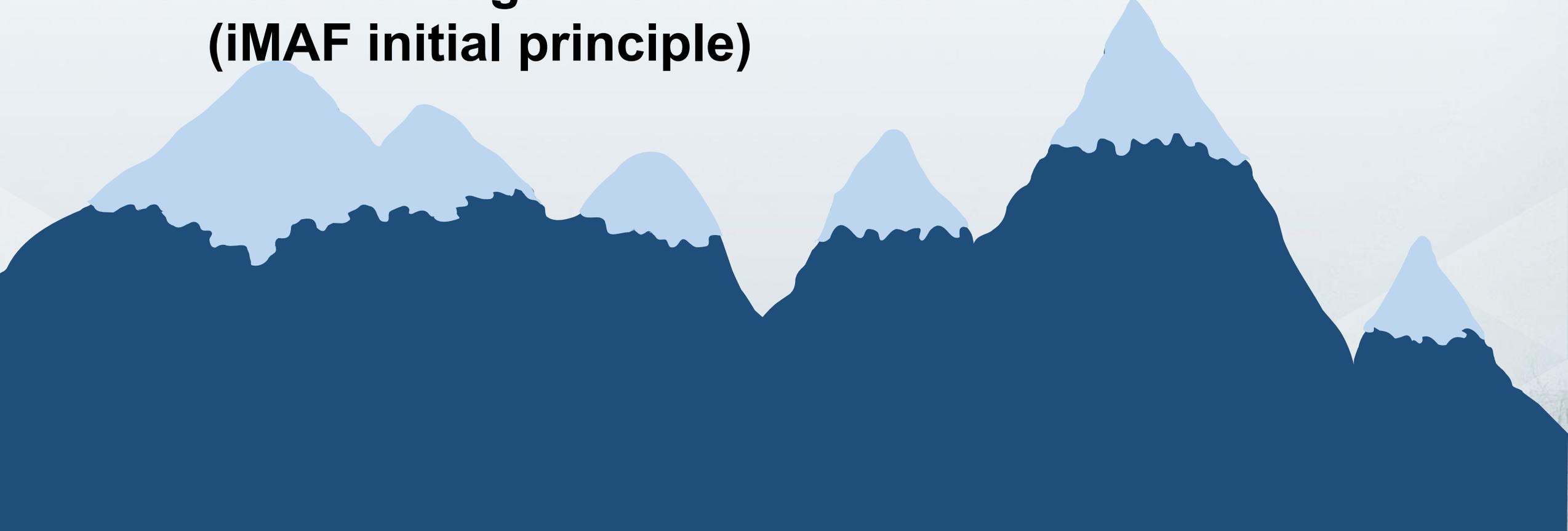
## TEAM

- ✓ Topographic map of the area
- ✓ Compass (and/or GPS if authorized)
- ✓ Stretcher or casualty evacuation device
- ✓ MEDEVAC kit
- ✓ Whistle or signalling devices
- ✓ Ropes, carabiners, slings (for slope or rope tasks)
- ✓ Notebook and pen (for orders / reporting)
- ✓ Small ISR drone operator and mini-drone system (provided by the organizers)
- ✓ Tablet/monitor for real-time drone video feed (provided by the organizers)

\*Some equipment will be provided by the organizers. Details to follow.

# 06 IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ **Blended intensive programme (BIP) / 3 ECTS**
- ✓ **could be organized on a rotational basis (iMAF initial principle)**





**ARE YOU READY  
FOR  
THE CHALLENGE?**

