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'NICOLAE BĂLCESCU" LAND FORCES ACADEMY
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Dear Commandants, Dear Rectors,

"Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and within the framework of the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Military Officers **(EMILYO)**, has the honour to invite your institution to participate in the upcoming Module on ***Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)*** between **19th to 23rd of April 2027.**

The module will include two mandatory components:

- An e-Learning phase, accessible prior to the on-site training;
- A residential phase, which will take place at the "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu, **from 19th of April to 23rd of April 2027.**

This module is built around the **EMILYO CSDP Standard Curriculum**, an important element of the European Union's educational and training initiatives in the field of the **Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).** It aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the **civilian and military dimensions of the CSDP**, while exploring their role within the broader framework of the **Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union.**

We would be honoured if you would accept this invitation and nominate cadets or young officers to attend this module.

For detailed information regarding course content, logistics, and administrative arrangements, please consult the attached documents. The Land Forces Academy will provide **free accommodation and meals** for all participants throughout the duration of the module.

Please send the completed Registration Form to: international.relations@armyacademy.ro. (Point of Contact: Cpt. Assist.prof. Mădălina MILITARU, PhD). The deadline for registration is **12th of March 2027.**

Additional details, including a short description of the module and administrative information, are attached to this invitation.

We look forward to welcoming your participants to "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu!

Cordially,

Colonel Dumitru TODOSIUC
Commandant (Rector) of "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu

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Land Forces Academy - Sibiu

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1.	**Dates, Location, Participants**
	Participants are **cadets/young officers** who are willing to take part in the common module "Common Security and Defence Policy". The module will takes place in the period ***19th to 23rd of April 2027 .*** ▪ Basic knowledge on English (B1 level acording to CEFR) or NATO STANAG Level 2 ▪ At least 2 years of national (military) education ▪ Basic knowledge of International Politics and Relations, EU, CFSP, CSDP. **Up to 20 participants will be admitted.**
2.	**Accommodation, meals and other details**
	The participants who will choose to stay in the Academy's buildings will be offered accommodation and meals **free of charge**. **NOTE:** There is no WIFI available in the Academy`s buildings.
3.	**Costs**
	Accommodation and meals are provided **free of charge** for all participants who decide to stay inside the Academy. No course fee is required.
4.	**Transportation**
	Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy of Sibiu (Arrival on the 18th of April, departure on the 24th of April 2027). Prices for using taxis from the airport/railway station/bus station to the academy rate between 10-15 EUR. Another option is to use public transportation.
5.	**Uniform/dress code**
	Arrival/Departure/Sightseeing/Social events: Civilian clothes. Opening/Closing ceremony: Best dress uniform. Classes: Combat uniform/Service uniform.
6.	**Registration**
	Please use the attached registration form (if you do not have your transport details on this stage, you can send them later on) and send it to the POC (Assoc.prof. Isabela-Anda DRAGOMIR, PhD), at the e-mail address: international.relations@armyacademy.ro **Deadline for registration is 12th of March 2027.** Any additional and up-dated information will be passed to the sending institutions in due time.
7.	**POC**
	Assoc.prof. Isabela-Anda DRAGOMIR, PhD "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy 3-5 Revolutiei Street, Sibiu, Romania, 550170 Tel: +40 269 432 990/int. 1317 (office) Mob : +40 745 778 468 E-mail: international.relations@armyacademy.ro

- **The detailed module description of the Common Module "Common Security and Defence Policy" can also be found on the EMILYO homepage: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878**

Registration Form

Data protection:
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Remarks: - Please fill in the yellow fields only or mark with an **X** - Fill in 1 form for 1 person - Send this application form to: international.relations@armyacademy.ro	I want to participate in the: **Common Security and Defence Policy Common Module** **19 – 23 April 2027***

Gender	Rank	Family name / Surname	First name / Given name

Date of birth	Nationality	Passport (ID) number*	Passport validity until

Branch of Service (if available)	Sending institution	I want to participate as		
		Officer	N.C.O.	Cadet
		☐	☐	☐
Year of study				

My phone number (if available)	My e-mail address
Postal address	

Arrival date in Sibiu	Arrival time in Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus
		☐	☐	☐	☐

Departure date from Sibiu	Departure time from Sibiu (if possible)	By plane	By train	By car	By bus
		☐	☐	☐	☐

Need for accommodation in LFA campus	
Yes ☐	No ☐

Special dietary or food requirements due to medical or religious reasons		**If yes**, please specify food you cannot eat	**Additional remarks** (Need for special equipment, special travel arrangements ….)
No	Yes		
☐	☐		

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* Please enclose the photo of your Passport/ID on the next page of this registration form:

Please integrate a copy of your passport / ID hereinafter:

Common Module

Common Security and Defence Policy

Module Description

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

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

Prerequisites for international participants

- 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.

Aim of the Module

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	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ECTS	European Credit Transfer System
ESS	European Security Strategy
EU	European Union
EUGS	European Union
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
STANAG	Standardization Agreement
UN	United Nations
WH	Working Hour

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