



INVITATION

to the ESDC Course

“The Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas for the European Union”

Constanta, 24th – 27th of May 2022

Within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the National College of Home Affairs - CNAI (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy) and the Romanian Naval Academy “Mircea cel Batran” (ANMB), will organise the course of “The Challenges of Securing Maritime Areas for the European Union”, in Constanța, Romania, from 24th to 27th of May 2022. The training will be supported by the Romanian Border Police and the Bulgarian Naval Academy “Nikola Y. Vaptsarov”, as course partners.

On its background, this year edition will be organized under the aegis of the 150th anniversary of the maritime and naval education system in Romania, marking simultaneously the celebration of 10 years of fruitful partnership between European Security and Defence College and National College of Home Affairs.

Participants from the EU Member States and relevant EU Institutions will be exposed to the diplomatic, institutional, legal and operational issues related to the implementation of the Maritime Security Strategy of the European Union Action Plan. The course will be based on actual examples, study cases or practices in areas of strategic interest for the European Union and the Member States and will be concluded through a complex exercise on the Black Sea, organized by the partners. Due to its practical component, the activities will be organized on residential basis, in Constanta (Romania), but adapted to the pandemic conditions.

In the actual context of increasing and widening the threats at its borders, the European Union is aiming to strengthened its role in the field of maritime security, through the reinforcement of regional and international cooperation by developing an integrated approach.

Throughout the course, participants will benefit from a complex networking framework and will get the opportunity to share views with professionals in the security and maritime issues, on the path of building an integrative *European security culture*.

We are therefore very pleased to invite you to nominate suitable candidates for this ESDC training activity, which would offer to the participants an excellent occasion to create a network of practitioners acting in the interrelated fields of maritime security framework within the EU Member States and Institutions, building on the *European security culture*.

Please find below details concerning the registration process and administrative instructions.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel. The EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies and the CSDP Missions and Operations are kindly invited to nominate each, one participant. However, more seats could be allocated, based on the total number of applications.
- Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, by designated nominators, under <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>, no later than May 06th 2022. A list with relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/4369/european-security-and-defence-college-esdc_en, tab "How to register". Registration will not be final until is confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the requested personal data in ENLIST by the confirmed participants
- The language regime of the CSDP - English and French without translation - applies.
- The course consists of an eLearning part done on the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS, as well as a residential session held in Brussels, both parts being compulsory. Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who will be completed the full course, including the eLearning phase.
- The course starts on May 09th with the eLearning phase.
- The residential part of the course will take place in Constanta, Romania from May 24th to 27th 2022 and is hosted by the Romanian Naval Academy “Mircea cel Bătrân” (address: 1st, Fulgerului Street, Constanța, 900218, Romania <https://www.anmb.ro>)
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering during the residential part of the course shall be covered by the sending authorities. For your convenience, Hotel Pacific 3*** (<https://lira-pacific.ro>) is located just across the Naval Academy and no transfer should be applicable.
- Participants are recommended to arrive to Bucharest (via Henri Coandă International Airport – Otopeni – IATA code BUH/OTP) or to Constanța (via Mihail Kogălniceanu International Airport Constanța) the latest on Monday, May 23rd. For transfer Bucharest to Constanța and way back, the participants are recommended to apply for online reservation on <https://alt-transportpersoane.ro/en>.
- During the residential module the lunch will be optionally arranged on catering mode upon Naval Academy support on a cost of 25 RON (aprox. 5 euro) supported by the participants.

EXERCISE

On May 26, Ministry of Internal Affairs will organize a Black Sea exercise to combat illegal migration involving ships and air support. Participants will be embarked on ships that will travel 4-5 miles on the Black Sea. Please have an appropriate outfit for the moment.

After the exercise, on May 26 at 18:00 a reception/official dinner will be offered to you by National College of Home Affairs. You are kindly invited to attend the reception and meet your course colleagues, course organisers and lecturers.

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