



**European Security and Defence College
National College of Home Affairs (Romania)**

**Invitation to
ESDC Basic Course on Security Sector Reform**
Bucharest, 23-25 October 2023
Training activity number 23-24/10/2

The **Romanian National College of Home Affairs (CNAI)** and the **European Security and Defence College (ESDC)** are jointly organising a basic course on security sector reform (SSR), which will be held in Bucharest from 23-25 October 2023. We are pleased to host this course for the third time in Romania.

This year's edition will be organised alongside the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the National College of Home Affairs.

This basic course is a major component of the EU educational and training programme, and as such has been included in the ESDC training programme for 2023. The course is open to civilians, including diplomats, as well as police and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies, together with selected personnel from Eastern Partnership countries. It aims to provide participants with a broader understanding of the SSR concept and increase their awareness of challenges and developments in the field.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to nominate participants for this three-day training course, which is a unique opportunity to gain a good understanding of the SSR in the global security environment and contribute to the further development of the EU approach on this matter. We look forward to welcoming you to Bucharest.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- **Target group:** The course is open to both civilians, including diplomatic personnel, and police and military personnel from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations, and international organisations. The course is also open to non-EU countries and Eastern Partnership countries.
- **Places & nominations:** *A maximum of 50 places will be available for participants from EU countries and non-EU countries (20 of which from Eastern Partnership countries). Typically one place is allocated per EU Member State.* However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional seat could be provided. We are seeking a balanced group composed of civilians and police and military personnel.
- **How to apply:** [Designated nominators](#) should use the ESDC secure internet system [ENLIST](#) to submit applications from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies **no later than 29 September 2023**. Registration will only be complete once the ESDC Secretariat has sent a confirmation AND the nominated participants have completed the registration form.
- **All applications from non-EU countries and Eastern Partnership countries** (up to four participants each, preferably representatives of ministries of internal affairs, defence or foreign affairs, with priority being given to experts from law enforcement and diplomats with responsibility for the CSDP/CFSP), should be sent to Enver Ferhatovic, the Training Manager, indicating the applicant's full name, position, institution, personal email address and phone number, no later than **29 September 2023**.
- **Attendance:** Participants must attend the course **on all days**. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to those who have completed the full course, including the e-Learning modules. This course will not be offered in a hybrid format.
- **The course will begin on 2 October 2023 with the e-Learning module.** All essential Autonomous Knowledge Units must be completed before the residential module begins. The residential part will be held in Bucharest from 23-25 October 2023 (10.00 on Monday to 13.00 on Wednesday). The tentative schedule is attached; an updated programme will be distributed before the course begins.
- Once the list of participants has been finalised, the designated course director / contact person will get in touch with the participants by email.
- **Language:** The working language is English (no interpreting available).

Costs:

- The sending country/authority/organisation of participants from EU Member States, EU institutions and CSDP missions/operations, or from international organisations and non-EU countries other than Eastern Partnership countries, must cover all related costs (travel, accommodation and catering/meals; NO course fee payable).
- The course will receive support from the **Eastern Partnership** managed by the European Commission. As a result, all costs relating to participation by Eastern Partnership beneficiaries will be covered by the Commission. As soon as the organisers have received nominations, a selection board will accept and confirm participants. The Commission will then contact the participants to arrange flights and accommodation. Please ensure that each candidate has a valid personal email address.

Details:

- The course will be held at the Sheraton Bucharest Hotel, Calea Dorobantilor 5-7, Bucharest 010551, Romania.
- The programme, workshops, speakers etc. will be made available in the practical information provided after the selection process has been completed.
- **Dress code:** Formal or service uniform for opening and closing ceremony; smart casual for the working sessions.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** The participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/authority/organisation must cover all costs in the event of a medical emergency. The course organiser does not provide personal health or accident insurance for this course.
- **Additional information:** More information on the course will be sent to participants by email in due course, including information directly linked to any travel restrictions or the health situation in Romania/the EU.

- **Points of contact:**

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Tentative programme
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Date/Time Bucharest (EET / GMT+3)	Panel	Speakers
Day 1 – Monday, 23 October 2023		
09.00-10.00	<i>Registration, welcome coffee</i>	
10.00-10.45	Opening speeches ESDC Presentation	
10.45-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Panel 1 The EU-wide strategic framework on SSR in the context of Euro-Atlantic developments	
12.00-12.30	Eastern Partnership countries – support in the area of the CSDP	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30-15.00	Panel 2 Delivering on the EU SSR policy from the civilian CSDP angle: the role of the Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management	
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Panel 3 The EU's integrated approach & SSR. Introduction to DDR concepts	
18.00-21.00	<i>Ice Breaker</i>	
Day 2 – Tuesday, 24 October 2023		
09.00-09.30	ESDC SSR Configuration Board	
09.30-10.30	Panel 5 Impact of the EU's strategic compass on SSR	

10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Panel 6 Frontex standpoints on SSR policies – similarities and contextual differences	
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
<i>CSDP missions with SSR mandate – Experiences from the field</i>		
13.00-14.00	Panel 7 EULEX Kosovo EUAM RCA	
14.00–14.10	<i>Health break</i>	
14.10-15.30	Panel 8 EUAM Ukraine as civilian SSR mission: Experiences from the field	
15.30–16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00-17.00	Panel 9 Cross-cultural competences for CSDP and SSR	
18.00-21.00	<i>Official dinner</i>	
Day 3 – Wednesday 25 October 2023		
09.00-10.30	Panel 10 Reform of intelligence systems & services	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00-12.00	Panel 11 Lessons learned from EU missions Course conclusions	
12.00-12.40	Course evaluation Closing remarks Course certificates issued	
12.40-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00-15.00	Course ends	