

**„Alexandru Ioan Cuza” POLICE ACADEMY  
NATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**ESDC HIGH LEVEL COURSE ‘José Cutileiro’ - Module 3 “CSDP in Action”  
07-11 April 2025, Bucharest**

Between **07-11.04.2025**, the National College of Home Affairs (CNAI) from “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy, organised under the auspices of European Security and Defence College (ESDC), **Module 3 of the 2024/2025 CSDP High-Level Course “Jose CUTILEIRO”**, with the coordination of the *Ministry of External Affairs*, having as official partners *The Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security and the Committee for Foreign Policy of the Romanian Senate, the Ministry of National Defence, and Agerpres (the National News Agency of Romania)*.

The event was held in the Palace of the Parliament, between 07-10.04.2025, and on 11.04.2025 the course activities took place in the Ministry of Internal Affairs Headquarters.

The CSDP High-Level Course is the annual flagship program of ESDC, having a modular structure, and every edition of the course being hosted by 4 EU Member States. This year, the training program holds its 20th edition, being a special edition, taking into consideration that ESDC celebrates its 20 years of activity in providing EU training in the field of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).



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At the event participated 73 representatives of EU Member States, senior civilian officials (including diplomats or law enforcement officials) or senior military officials from EU Member States, candidate countries, relevant EU institutions, bodies and agencies, as well as CSDP missions and operations.



The opening of the course took place on 07.04.2025, in the "Avram Iancu" Room of the Palace of the Parliament. At the event there were present and addressed their messages to participants: Mr. Mircea Abrudean – *President of the Senate*, Ms. Nicoleta Pauliuc- *President of the Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security*, Mr. police general Bogdan Despescu – *State Secretary in Ministry of Internal Affairs*, Ms. Ana Cristina Tincea – *Secretary of State in the Ministry of External Affairs*, Ms. Simona Cojocaru – *Secretary of State in Ministry of National Defence*, Mr. Fergal O'Regan – *ad interim Director of ESDC*, Mr. major-general

Liviu Uzlău - *Commander (Rector) of the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy* and Mr. police questor Prof. Cătălin Andruș PhD – *Director of CNAI*.

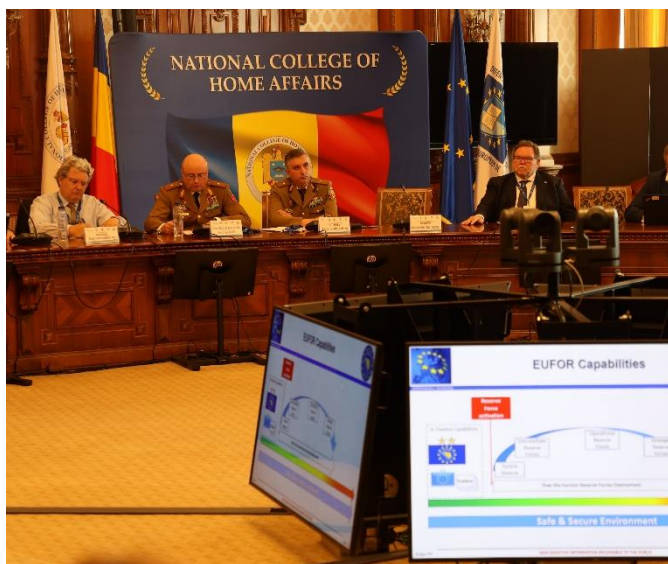
The first day of the module concluded with a *Welcome Cocktail*, during which two exhibitions were organized: a photo exhibition titled "3 Years of War in Ukraine", created by Agerpres, and a painting exhibition featuring themes related to major historical figures and elements of Romanian tradition and identity. The artworks were created by painters from the Republic of Moldova and provided by the UNESCO Cultural Center "Mihai Eminescu" in Bucharest.

The programme of Module 3 included presentations on topics related to *the civil and military dimensions of CSDP operational engagement and the evaluation of CSDP missions and operations, the challenges of strategic planning within the CSDP in the current geopolitical context, strategic communication*



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*and hybrid threats, maritime security from the perspective of EUNAVFOR and Frontex operations, civil protection and humanitarian assistance in support of CSDP missions and operations, the financing of CSDP missions and operations and the European Peace Facility (EPF), as well as Romania's contribution to the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, including to CSDP missions and operations.*



The lecturers who coordinated the activities were: Ms. Ioana Mureșan – *Director of the Security Policy Directorate within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*; Mr. State Secretary Dr. Raed Arafat – *Head of the Department for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Internal Affairs*; Mr. Ionuț Homeag – *Director of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), DG ECHO, European Commission*; Ms. Alina Pădeanu – *representative of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) within the*

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*Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU in Brussels (PermRep); Mr. Daniel Călin – Defence Policy Department, PermRep; Brigadier General Cornel Tonea-Bălan – EUTM RCA; Mr. Cosmin Dobran – Director, European External Action Service (EEAS); Mr. Michael Merker – EEAS; Prof. Dr. Alina Bârgăoanu – Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, SNSPA; Major General Constantin Spînu – Ministry of National Defence; Mr. Andrei Țârnea – Director General of the Department for Communication and Public Diplomacy within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ms. Claudia-Victoria Nicolae – Director of Agerpres; Commander Hristea Butnaru – Director within the Romanian Naval Forces; and Chief Police Commissioner Valentin Micu – Romanian Coast Guard, Ministry of Internal Affairs.*

The programme included dedicated panels on the following missions: *EUFOR ALTHEA* – coordinated by Brigadier General Ovidiu Lungu; *EUTM RCA* – coordinated by Brigadier General Cornel Tonea Bălan; and *EUPM Moldova* – coordinated by Ambassador Cosmin Dinescu, *Head of EUPM*, and Police Commissioner Victor-Willi Apreutesei, *EU High-Level Adviser on Internal Security Affairs* in the Republic of Moldova.



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The module agenda also included a debate on the topic “*Building the Member States' Legislative Support for the EU Agenda on CSDP. Case Studies: The Security Context of the Eastern EU (Ukraine War)*”, with the participation of H.E. Mr. Ihor Prokopchuk – *Ambassador of Ukraine to Romania*, H.E. Mr. Victor Chirilă – *Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Romania*, Mr. Lucien Tallet – *representative of the French Embassy in Bucharest*, and Mr. Teofil Parasca – *Senator, member of the Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security*. The debate was moderated by Mr. Dan Cărbunaru – *Director of Calea Europeană* and former spokesperson of the Romanian Government.

As part of the module's activities, the participants visited the *DIGITAL INNOVATION SUMMIT BUCHAREST*, held at the Palace of the Parliament and organized by the National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics (ICI) Bucharest, under the coordination of the Chamber of Deputies and the Government of Romania. CNAI participated as an official partner institution. The focus topic for this activity within the module was “*Emerging Threats and Challenges: Hybrid Threats, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Cyber Security/Defense*”.







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Director General of the Asia-Pacific Department within the EEAS. The Ministry of Internal Affairs Cultural Center supported the event with an artistic performance by the “Ciocârlia” Ensemble.

The final day of the module took place at the Ministry of Internal Affairs headquarters – *the Marble Hall*. Before the start of the scheduled activities, Chief Police Commissioner Alin Banu – *General Secretariat of the Ministry of Internal Affairs* – gave the participants a brief presentation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Palace and Revolution Square, highlighting the historical events that took place there, significant both nationally and internationally.

The final panel (*Strategic Lecture*) of the module highlighted *Romania’s contribution to the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), as well as to CSDP missions and operations*. The panel was coordinated by Ms. Irina Zidaru – *Director General of the Strategic Affairs Department* within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with Principal Police Commissioner Ștefan Săvulescu – *Director General of the Directorate for Operational Management* within the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



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The course concluded with closing remarks delivered by Police Commissioner, Associate Professor Dr. Cătălin Andruș, as *Director of Module 3*, and Mr. Fernando Moreno, *Course Director*.

The next and final module of the 2024/2025 CSDP High-Level Course “Jose CUTILEIRO” will take place in Lisbon from 23 to 27 June 2025.

