



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

**Invitation to
ESDC Basic Course on Security Sector Reform**

*Chişinău, 27 - 29 October 2025
Training activity number 24-25/10/2*

The Romanian National College of Home Affairs (CNAI) and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) are jointly organizing a Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR) in partnership with the „Ştefan cel Mare” Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. We are pleased to organize this course for the fifth time and this year it will be held in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, from 27 to 29 October 2025.

This basic course is a major component of the EU educational and training programme and so has been included in the ESDC training programme for 2025. The course is open to civil servants and military personnel from EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies, together with selected personnel from Eastern Partnership countries. It aims to provide the participants with a broader understanding of the SSR concept and increase their awareness of challenges and developments in this field.

We are pleased to invite you to nominate participants for this three-day training course, which will provide 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 in Chişinău.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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- **Target group:** The course is open to both civilian 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 (including 15 from Eastern Partnership countries). Typically, two places will be allocated per EU Member State.* However, depending on the total number of requests, one additional place could be provided. We are seeking a balanced group composed of civilian, 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 09 October 2025**. Registrations 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 3 participants each, preferably representatives from ministries of the interior, defence or foreign affairs, with priority given to law enforcement experts, as well as diplomats in charge of CSDP/CFSP) should be sent to the Training Manager Enver FERHATOVIC (enver.ferhatovic@eeas.europa.eu), indicating the full name, position, institution, personal email address and phone number, no later than **02 October 2025**.
- **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.
The course starts on 13 October 2025 with the e-Learning module. All essential autonomous knowledge units must be completed before the residential module starts. The residential part takes place in Chișinău from 27 to 29 October 2025 (Monday 09.30 to Wednesday 15.00). The tentative schedule is attached; an updated programme will be distributed before the course starts.
Once the participants' list is 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 themselves (travel, accommodation and catering/meals; NO course fee is 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 make sure that each candidate has a valid personal email address.

- **Additional Details:**

The course venue, the programme, dress code, workshop arrangements, lecturers, etc. will be communicated in the practical information after the completion of the selection process.

Dress code: Formal or service uniform for opening and closing ceremonies; smart casual for the working sessions.

Liabilities and insurance: Costs for medical emergencies must be covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/authority/organisation. The course organiser does not provide personal health or accident insurance for this course.

Additional info: More information on the course will be sent to participants by email in due course.

Course participants should not book their travel, accommodation and meal arrangements until selection has been completed and course participants have been notified that they have been accepted.

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