



Course on Strategic Planning for Civilian Missions

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Good and accurate planning is essential for the success of CSDP missions and operations. While strategic planning is part of the curriculum of military academies – and planners with military background are thus easily available for the planning of military CSDP operations – the same does not apply to the civilian domain, where with the exception of police, no equivalent training is available.

The planning of civilian missions requires to a great extent a specific mind-set of the people involved. The course on “**Strategic Planning for Civilian Missions**” that Austria and Finland are once again offering in the framework of the European Security and Defence College **from 10 to 14 July 2017 in Brussels** will focus on the specific challenges that strategic planners are confronted with in the context of civilian crisis management.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to nominate participants for this course via the ENLIST system (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>) until 16 June 2017. The course is open to civilian and military experts from the EU Member States and the European Institutions and Services, including EU Delegations as well as CSDP Missions. Priority will be given to participants, who are engaged or plan to engage in strategic planning for civilian CSDP and/or have recently joined relevant departments of the EEAS or the European Commission.

Best regards,

Ambassador Alexander Kmentt
Representative of Austria to the
Political and Security Committee

Ambassador Sofie From-Emmesberger
Representative of Finland to the
Political and Security Committee

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Practical information

- The ESDC course on Strategic Planning for Civilian Missions, taking place from 10 to 14 July 2017 in Brussels, Belgium is organized by Austria and Finland at the following locations:
 - on July 10, 11 and 12, at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, 80, avenue Cortenbergh
 - on July 13 and 14, at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, 30, avenue CortenberghBoth locations are in close proximity to the Schuman Railway and Subway station.
- This course will focus on the specific challenges that strategic partners are confronted with the context of civilian crisis management. It consists of an eLearning phase (using the eLearning platform of ESDC named ILIAS), as well as the residential part held in Brussels from 10 to 14 July 2017, both being compulsory.
- The course is open to experts (with a civilian, police and military background) from the EU Member States and the European Institutions and Agencies, including EU Delegations. Priority will be given to participants who are engaged or plan to engage in strategic planning of civilian CSDP missions and/or have recently joined relevant departments of the EEAS and the European Commission. Throughout this course, participants will have the opportunity to benefit from the know-how of experts of European institutions and Members States, as well as to network and share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.
- The language regime of the CSDP will apply (English and French without translation). Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the e-learning phase.
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities. It is up to the participants to organise their own travel, accommodation and catering.
- Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>) by designated nominators, **no later than 16 June 2017**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- Please find enclosed the Invitation and the tentative programme. Further information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants by the course directors, Mr Philipp AGATHONOS and Mr Antti HÄIKIÖ (both in Cc), as soon as the attendance list is complete and the participants confirmed (by June 23).



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Draft Programme

Monday, 10 July 2017 Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU Av. Cortenbergh 80	Tuesday, 11 July 2017 Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU Av. Cortenbergh 80	Wednesday, 12 July 2017 Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU Av. Cortenbergh 80	Thursday, 13 July 2017 Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU Av. Cortenbergh 30	Friday, 14 July 2017 Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU Av. Cortenbergh 30
<p>09:00 – 09:15 Registration</p> <p>09:15 – 10:00 Official Opening Presentation of the programme Presentation of participants Presentation of ESDC and CSDP-related training</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 The European Global Strategy, integrated approach and Conflict Prevention</p> <p>11:15 – 12:30 State of Play of Civilian CSDP</p> <p>13:45 – 15:00 Non-CSDP EU Instruments and programmes in the field of external relations</p> <p>15:15 – 17:00 Conflict analysis/mapping exercise based on the RAMNA scenario <i>(Introduction & group work)</i></p>	<p>09:00 – 10:00 Civilian administration, public administration, governance; which role for CSDP?</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00 CSDP – FSJ collaboration with a particular focus on tackling the migration crisis</p> <p>11:15 – 12:30 Comprehensive Approach in planning processes – ensuring the security development nexus</p> <p>13:45 – 17:00 Planning for Civilian CSDP: - The Crisis Management Procedures - crosscutting issues, incl. HR & gender - Strategic vs. Operational CSDP Planning - Lessons drawn from previous civilian CSDP missions</p>	<p>09:00 – 17:00 Simulation exercise: drafting the key elements of a Crisis Management Concept for Civilian CSDP action in RAMNA (group work)</p> <p><i>(Coffee Breaks approx. at 11:00 and 16:00, Sandwiches will be provided at approx. 12:30)</i></p>	<p>09:00 – 10:45 Continuation of the simulation exercise</p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 The Civilian Civilian Capabilities Development Process <i>(Introduction followed by group work)</i></p> <p>13:45 – 15:45 Continuation of the simulation exercise with a focus on required capabilities</p> <p>16:00 – 18:00 Reports of the groups and first plenary discussion</p> <p>18:30 – 21:00 Networking Reception</p>	<p>09:00 – 10:30 Finalisation of the group work on the basis of feedback from the first plenary discussion</p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 Final moderated plenary discussion of the results of the simulation exercise with feedback from experts</p> <p>12:30 - 13:00 Final Evaluation of the Course and handing-out certificates</p> <p>Departure of participants</p>