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Activity Overview

CSDP Orientation Course

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Background Since 2003 the European Union has been playing a crucial role in crisis management through its Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). With about 30 missions and operations worldwide, the EU has proved its readiness to respond effectively and in a timely fashion to emerging challenges.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. In response, one of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is to contribute towards human capital development and build a pool of knowledgeable crisis managers. The College provides basic to advanced courses ranging from orientation to specialized training for civil-military purposes specially designed to facilitate a comprehensive approach and to contribute to the establishment of a European Security Culture.

The CSDP Orientation Course is a major component of EU training activities in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy with the aim to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union. The major aim of this Course is to provide participants with a general overview of the civilian and military aspects of the European Security and Defence Policy by getting into more detail as the Course unfolds.

In July 2019 RACVIAC became an “Associated Network Partner” of ESDC. Together with the National Defence Academy of Austria, in the capacity of an official EU partner of RACVIAC, in 2021 we will conduct the “Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course”. Being an Associated Network Partner of ESDC will increase

RACVIAC capacities to further support and intensify European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes of SEE aspiring countries.

Purpose and Objectives The CSDP Orientation Course objectives are to gain a good understanding of the CSDP in the global security environment and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture as well as cooperation between the EU and non-EU partners. It will provide participants with a broad understanding of CSDP, taking into account the integrated approach to conflict and crisis, with focus on resilience of fragile states and societies in post-conflict situations, public diplomacy, strategic communication as well as hybrid challenges. The final goal of this ESDC core Course is to support the EU Member States, the EU Institutions and Agencies and the CSDP missions and operations in training their staff together with selected personnel from the Eastern Partnership countries, in order to be able to better work in CSDP related fields at operational and strategic levels.

Participants will also have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

Participation The target audiences will be civil servants, diplomats, police officers and military personnel from EU member countries and the SEE countries, institutions and agencies. The main intention is to train personnel, not only from EU member countries but also from SEE. Participants are also expected to take an active part in the dialogue.

The Course will gather both civilian and military national professionals who are either involved in or designated to work on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

Methodology The Course is envisaged as an active and vibrant environment that will enable all participants to share their knowledge and experience and learn about the topics from their colleagues in the CSDP sector. The event will last four days and will comprise lectures, presentations and discussions. The working language will be English.

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