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# **The European Security and Defence College**

# ESDC - Objectives

- enhance the European security culture within the CSDP
- to promote a better understanding of CSDP as part of the CFSP among civilian and military personnel
- to provide EU instances and Member States with knowledgeable people familiar with EU policies, institutions and procedures and able to work efficiently on all CSDP matters
- help to promote professional relations and contacts among training participants

# ESDC Training Concept

## Training Audiences



## ESDC Training Activities

CSDP High-Level Seminar

CSDP High-Level Course

ESDP Courses for Specialised Staff and Experts

ESDP Orientation Courses / Common CSDP Modules

***ESDP Training delivered by Member States (for nationals only, open to participation of other nationals)***

*Training material and IDL system support for all training levels, organised and co-ordinated through the ESDC*

**IDL Support**

# Current ESDC Training Activities

## Basic training activities

- CSDP High Level Course (annual course with 4 modules)
- CSDP Orientation Course (4-5 courses per year/~ one week)

Courses providing an overview on the CSDP in a wider CFSP context

## Specialised training activities

- CSDP Course for PPI staff (1 to 2 courses per year/2 days)
- CSDP High Level Seminar (2 days)
- Common CSDP Module (one week/ “European Initiative inspired by Erasmus”)
- CSDP Train-the-trainer Seminar (2 days)
- EU Basic Course on Security Sector Reform (3 days)
- EU Core Course on Security Sector Reform (10 days)
- CSDP Mission Planning Procedures Course (3 days / two courses per year)
- Course on EU Capability Development (3 days)
- CMCO – Civil Military Co-ordination in CSDP Missions and Operations (10 days)
- International Law for EU Military Legal Advisor (annual course with 3 modules)
- Peace Building Course (Pilot Project September 2010)
- Course on Non-Proliferation for senior officials
- Civilian Crisis Management Course
- Advanced Course for Senior Political Advisors working in the wider context of CSDP
- Training of Trainers for EU SSR in Support of Training for the EU SSR Pool of Experts
- Comprehensive Approach to Gender in Missions and Operations

## New Projects

- CSDP Senior Mission Leader Course (2 weeks)
- European Armaments Co-operation Training (Awareness Course and Experts Course)

## Other ESDC activities

- Annual Networking Conference on Training in the field of CSDP
- Alumni Events (former course participants)

Regional focus  
Press, Public Information  
Security Sector Reform  
Mission Planning  
Capability Development  
Civ-Mil Co-ordination  
LEGAD  
POLAD  
Civilian Crisis Management  
Peace Building  
Non-proliferation  
Gender and Human Rights

Leadership training  
European Armaments  
Co-operation

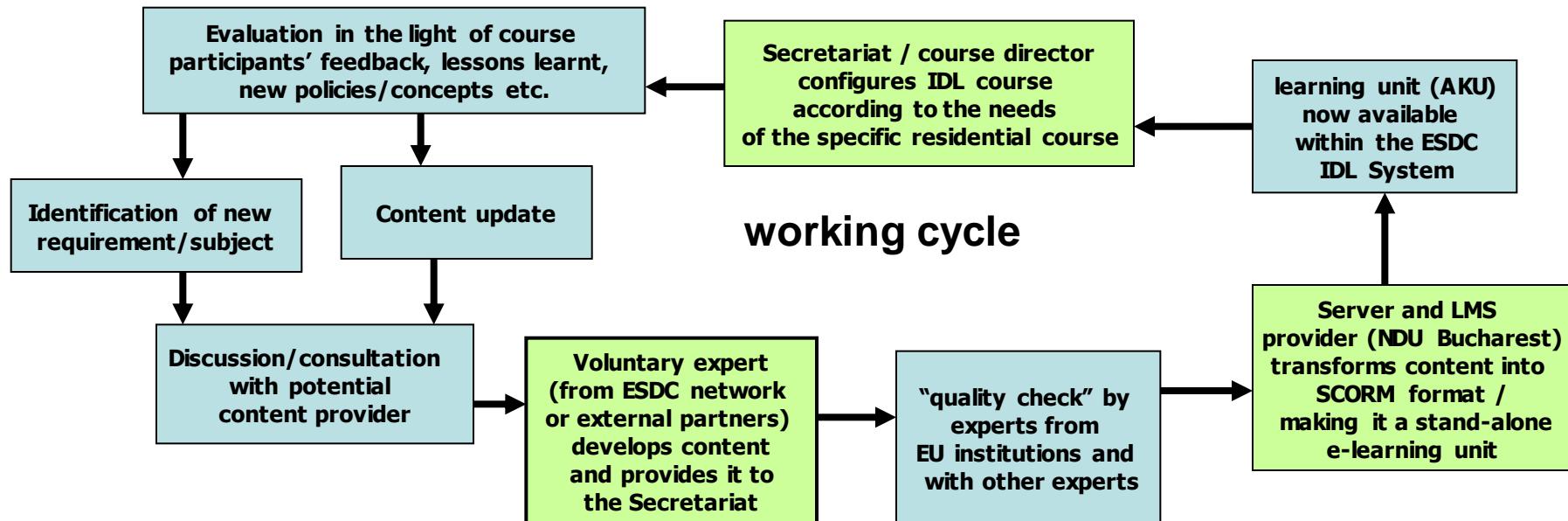
# Co-operation in the context of the IDL System

## Existing Autonomous Learning Units

- Historical development of CFSP and CSDP
- European Security Strategy
- Role of the EU Institutions involved in CFSP/CSDP
- Overview CSDP Operational Engagement
- EU Crisis Management Capability Development
- Planning for CSDP Missions and Operations
- Lisbon Treaty and its implications for CFSP/CSDP
- Non-Proliferation of WMD
- Security Implications of Climate Change
- EU Mediation and Dialogue Capacities
- Introduction to gender-sensitive (peacekeeping) operations

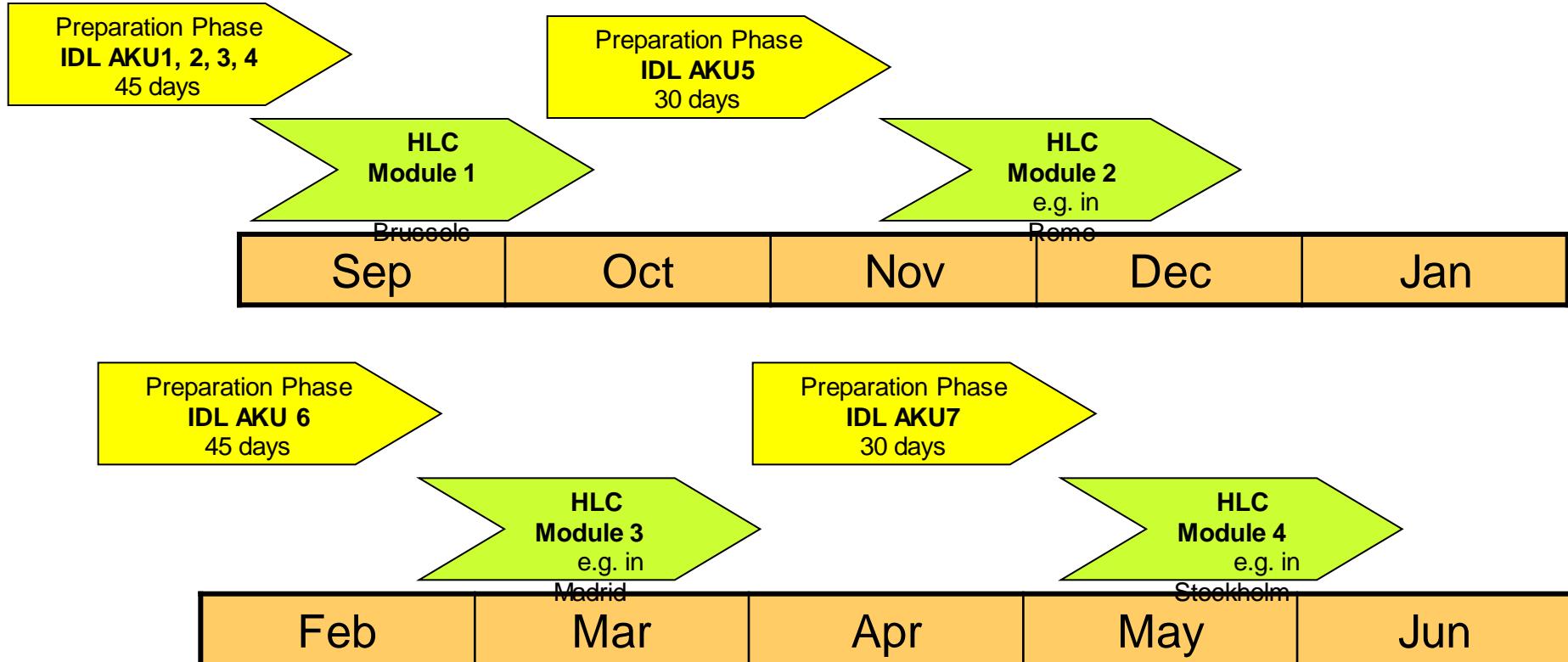
## New Learning Units under development

- Maritime Piracy (EUNAVFOR)
- EU-Transatlantic Relations
- EU-ASIA Relations
- NATO's Strategic Concept
- Anti Corruption
- Introduction to SSR



# ESDC IDL Use: Modular & Blended

## Example: CSDP High Level Course



*The CSDP High Level Course is a modular course currently comprising 4 one-week modules taking place in Brussels and at the location of other national civilian and military institutes of Member States. Course participants are senior civilian and military personnel working in key functions in the field of CSDP.*

# IDL in support of new staff

- AKU1 – History Development of CFSP and CSDP
- AKU2 – European Security Strategy
- AKU3 – Role of EU Institutions involved in CFSP/CSDP
- AKU4 – CSDP Structures and Decision Making
- AKU5 – European Civilian and Military Capability Development
- AKU6 – EU Mission Planning Procedures
- AKU7 – Lisbon Treaty and its implications for CFSP/CSDP
- AKU8 – Non-Proliferation
- AKU9 – Climate Change
- AKU10 – EU Mediation and Dialogue Capacities
- AKU11 – Gender aspects in missions and operations

## Existing Learning Units



## New staff 'Introduction to CSDP'

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## Staff of the ML 12 Exercise

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# ESDC – Training Record

- Since its creation in 2005, the ESDC has trained approximately 5500 civilian and military participants, coming from the 27 MS, candidate states and EU institutions
- Many courses are open for participation of third states and international organisations (so far ~400 participants)
- Current training capacity: to train ~ 1200 civilian and military in more than 30 training courses every year



# Production of Training Material

IN PDF FORMAT  
AVAILABLE ON THE  
ESDC WEB PAGE  
[www.esdc.mil-edu.be](http://www.esdc.mil-edu.be)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition available  
winter 2012



## HANDBOOK CSDP

THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY  
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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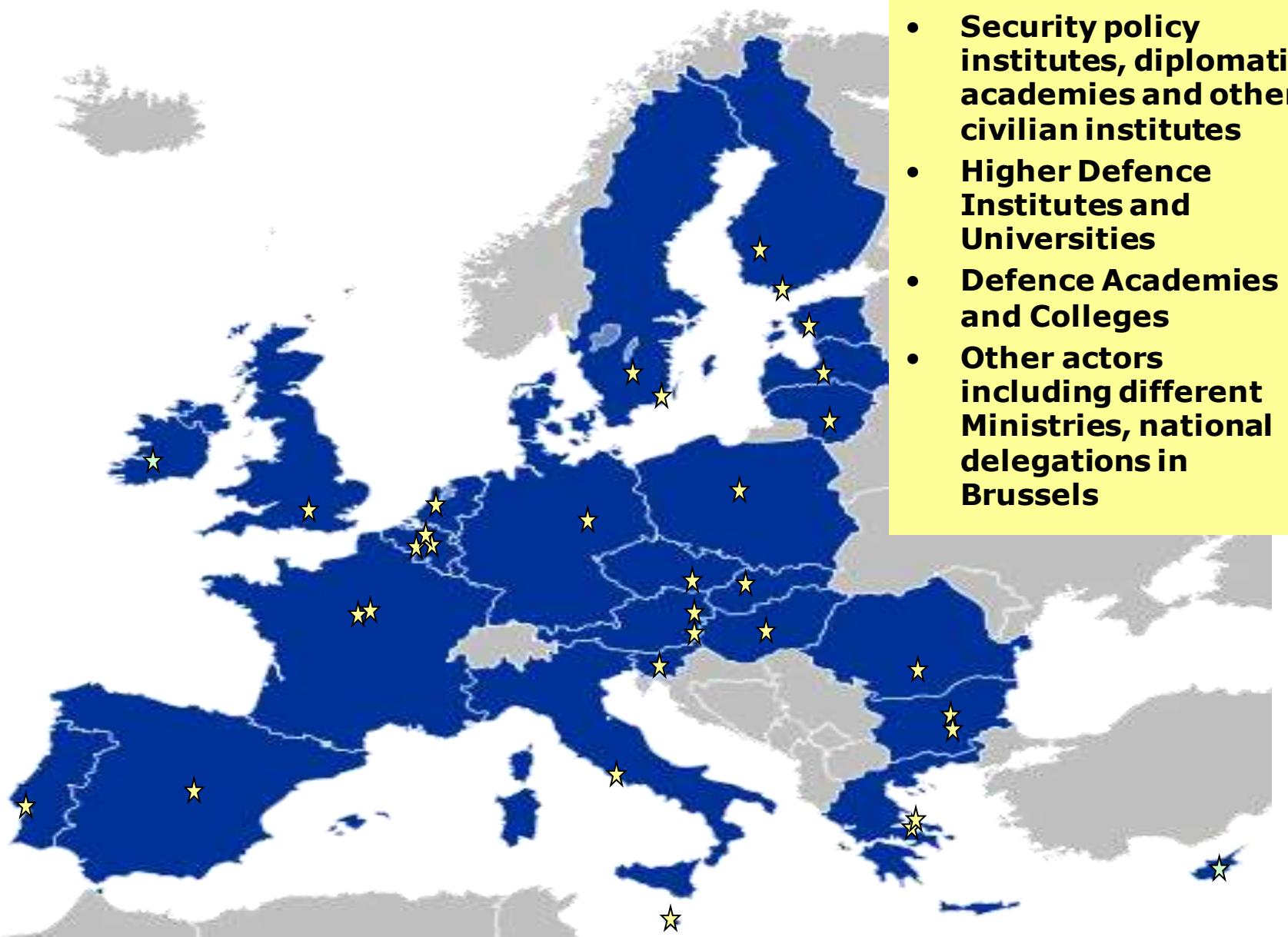
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# ESDC Network Members



# Executive Academic Board

list of training actors involved in ESDC activities (spring 2012)

Civilian institutes/actors	Defence institutes/actors	
Royal Higher Defence Institute Brussels	Post Conflict Ops Study Centre Torino	PT National Delegation in Brussels
Egmont Institute Int. Relations Brussels	CASD Rome	National Defence Institute Lisbon
Royal Military Academy Brussels	Ministry of Defence Nicosia	National Defence University Bucharest
Diplomatic Institute Sofia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Riga	National Defence College Bucharest
National Defence Academy Sofia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vilnius	Ministry of Defence Ljubljana
University of Defence Brno	LUX National Delegation in Brussels	Command and Staff School Begunje G.
Federal College Security Studies Berlin	National Defence University Budapest	SK Armed Forces Academy
Centre Internat. Peace Operations Berlin	National Defence College Breda	National Defence College Helsinki
Baltic Defence College Tartu	Netherlands Defence Academy The Hague	Crisis Management Centre Helsinki
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tallinn	National Defence Academy Vienna	National Defence College Stockholm
Hellenic Defence College	ASPR Stadt Schlainning	Folke Bernadotte Academy Sandö
Diplomatic Academy Athens	Ministry of Defence Vienna	National Defence Academy Shrivenham
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Athens	AIES Vienna	Foreign Commonwealth Office London
CESEDEN Madrid	Austrian National Delegation Brussels	EU Institute for Security Studies Paris
IHEDN Paris	National Defence University Warsaw	European Police College Bramshill/UK
FR National Delegation in Brussels	Polish Institute for Int. Affairs Warsaw	College of Home Affairs Bucharest
Irish National Delegation in Brussels	Academy of National Defence Warsaw	Geneva Centre for Security Policy/GCSP

# Three-tier Structure established for the functioning of the ESDC as a network college

## Steering Committee

- overall guidance and co-ordination
- representatives of the Member States
- convenes in Brussels

## Executive Academic Board (EAB)

- implements training
- ensures quality and coherence of training
- representatives of the network institutes

## Permanent Secretariat (currently within EEAS/CMPD)

- runs the network
- assists the Steering Committee and the EAB
- supports conduct of training activities
- supports conceptual work

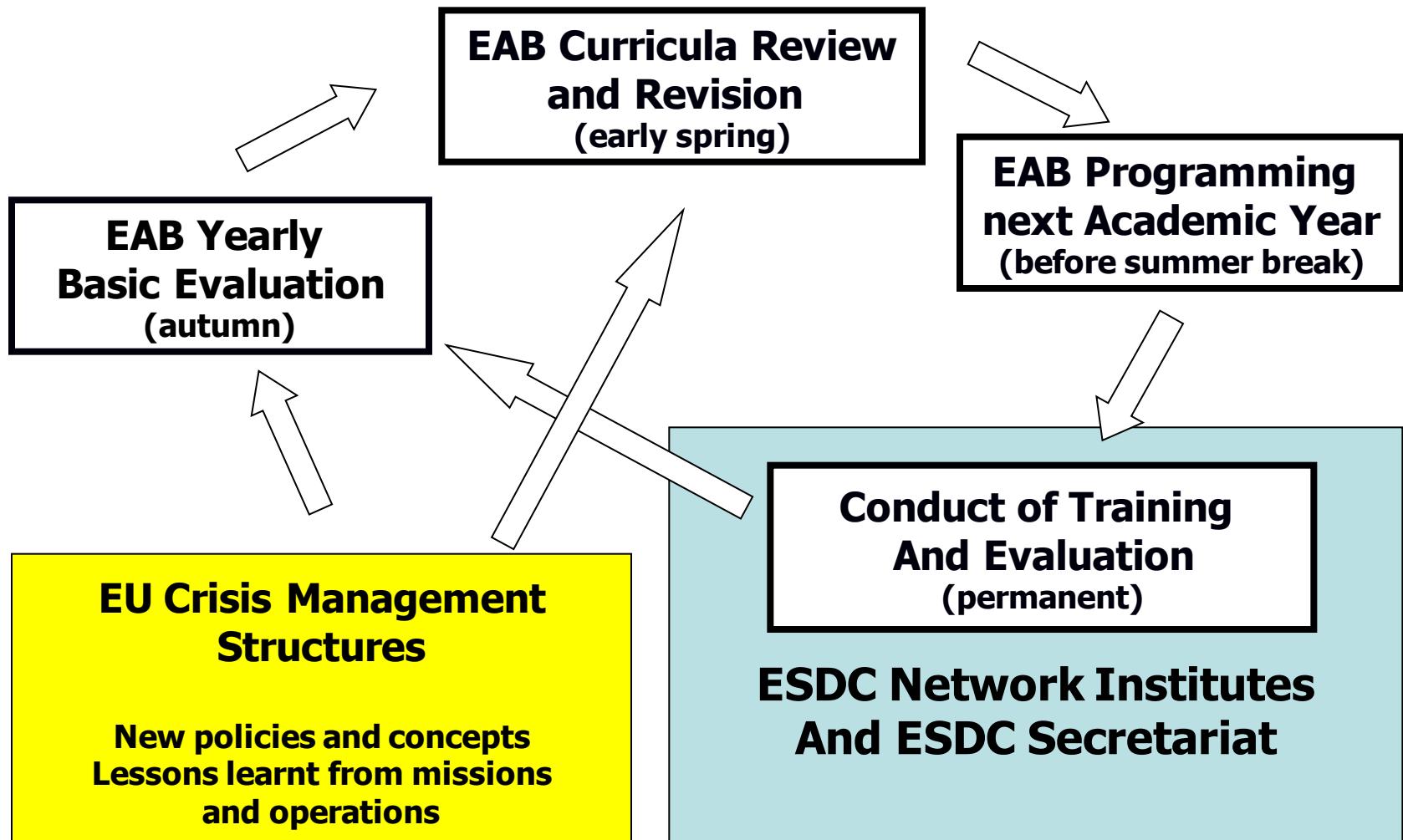
*Project-orientated configurations of the Board*

Security Sector Report  
(EU Pool of SSR Experts)

Implementation Group  
« Erasmus Militaire »

Internet-Based Distance Learning (IDL) System

# Co-operation between the Executive Academic Board and the EU Crisis Management Structures



# ESDC Secretariat - current strength and working relations

## Permanent Secretariat (closely linked up with EEAS/CMPD)

- runs the network
- assists the Steering Committee and the EAB
- Supports conceptual work
- supports Brussels-based training activities

### Head

***Hans-Bernhard Weisserth (EEAS/CMPD)***

### Secretary

***Valentina Reynoso (EEAS/CMPD)***

### Training Managers

**Pavlina Gorenc (SNE Slovenia)**

**Seconded National Expert**

**Seconded National Expert**

### IDL Course and Content Manager

***Jochen Rehrl (SNE Austria)***

... closely linked with and / or can rely on .....

### National Network Institutes

Points of contact  
Chairpersons EAB  
Course Directors  
Faculty members  
Other support

### Relevant EU Institutions and Agencies

EEAS/CMPD (including offices)

Other Services within the EEAS

Services within the EP and Commission  
EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris

European Defence Agency

EU Satellite Centre

### External Training Actors

GCSP Geneva

DCAF Geneva

NDC Rome

internat. organisations  
third states institutes

# Admin aspects

- Badges/Security
- Coffee breaks/
- Lunches
- Welcome packages / Evaluation forms
- Working Groups
- Participant List
- Chatham House rule
- Language regime
- Presentations on ILIAS

# LOCATION FOR THE SOCIAL EVENT



**EU Albert Borschette Conference Centre (CCAB), rue Froissart 36  
Restaurant L'Atelier, 28 rue Franklin**



# Borschette building



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