



**THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE (ESDC)
THE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER NATIONAL DEFENCE STUDIES (IHEDN)**

**INVITATION
TO THE ESDC COURSE
“THE CHALLENGES OF SPACE FOR CSDP”
ESDC – 15-16/27/1**

10th – 12th May 2016, Brussels

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Within the framework of the European security and defence college (ESDC), France, represented by the French Institute for higher national defence studies (IHEDN), has the honor to organize a course on « the challenges of Space for CSDP ». This course will be held in Brussels from the 10th to 12th May, 2016.

With the entry into force of the Lisbon treaty, the European Union has a competence to act in the field of Space, inter alia, by defining and implementing programs. Resolution 16864/101 adopted by the Competitiveness Council of 25th November 2010 underlines the goal of the European Union to become a major international actor in this field.

The European Commission's communication "Towards a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its citizens" from the 4th of April 2011 highlights the importance of a secure Space to achieve security and defence objectives.

This course aims at providing general information on the European space policy and thus on its developments regarding CSDP. It consists of an eLearning part, as well as the residential session held in Brussels from 10th to 12th of May 2016, both parts being compulsory.

The course is open to civil servants and military from EU Member States and EU institutions. 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.

¹ Council Resolution 16864/10 : « *Global challenges : taking full benefit of European space systems* »

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for this ESDC course which enables them to enhance their knowledge in the field of CSDP and its current challenges.

Please find below details concerning the registration process.

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Lieutenant-General Bernard de COURREGES
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Ambassador Philippe SETTON
French permanent Representative
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of the European Union