



EU External Action: Fragility, Security and Development in a Changing World

Brussels, 27 – 29 April 2016
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Invitation

The European Commission/Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development and the European Security and Defence College have the honour to invite you to the 5th edition of the seminar "**EU External Action: Fragility, Security and Development in a Changing World**", to be held in Brussels, from 27th to 29th of April 2016.

The seminar is based on the link between security and development as key underlying principle of the EU's Comprehensive Approach to external conflicts and crises. This security-development nexus is central to maximising the effectiveness of the EU's external action in fragile and conflict-affected countries. It means that "*security is a precondition for development*" and that "*without development and poverty eradication there will be no sustainable peace*".

For a few years now, the European Commission and the European External Action Service, together with the Member States, have been working on ways to better unite their efforts in different external relations domains, in capitals and on the ground. As part of this approach we designed and organized together an annual seminar to support developments at policy level. The overall goal is to increase the mutual understanding between security, development and humanitarian actors from EU institutions, EU Member States and EU Agencies, and to bring them all together to work in a joined-up and strategic manner in the spirit of the EU Comprehensive Approach.

During this highly inter-active seminar, participants will develop a better understanding of the institutional set-up of the EU and the relevant instruments and operating procedures. The EU's internal and selected external speakers will provide a comprehensive overview on the EU's strategies and policies revolving around security, fragility and development. All these topics will be deepened with real-life case studies and exercises aimed at further enhancing hands-on learning, building up critical and holistic thinking and promoting a cooperative problem-solving spirit.

We therefore take great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants for this course, which provides a good opportunity to gain a proper understanding of the security-development nexus and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture. The nominees should have worked a minimum of two years in the field of security or development and should be able to contribute from their experience to the discussions that will take place during the seminar.

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Fact Sheet

- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU-Member States, EU Institutions/Agencies, candidate countries, acceding states and some third states, which are invited to nominate up to two participants.
- The total number of participants will be around 40. As the host Institute, EC/DG DEVCO will nominate up to 20 participants.
- The language regime of the CSDP will apply (English).
- 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 IDL phase.
- All costs for travelling and accommodation shall be covered by the sending authorities. The participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
- Applications for EU member state participants are to be submitted via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>) by designated nominators, no later than 15th of March 2016.
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat.
- The confirmation of participants will be done according the allocation of available places.
- The course venue will be the Management Centre Europe Conference Centre Brussels in 118, Rue de l'Aqueduc, 1050 Brussels.
- The course will start on 1st of April with the IDL-phase. The residential part of the course will take place in Brussels from 27th to 29th April 2016 (Wednesday 08:30 to Friday 17:00).
- Further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants.

Appendix: Seminar Outline

27-29 April 2016	Day 1 - Increased potential and ambition – the EU Comprehensive Approach	Day 2 - The EU comprehensive approach in practice – EU instruments	Day 3 - Acting collectively within the EU Comprehensive Approach
08.30 – 09.00	Registration and coffee/tea	Coffee/tea	Coffee/tea
09.00 – 10.30	Opening Remarks S1 – Setting the scene: Fragility and the security-development nexus	Introduction to day 2 S5 Discovering EU instruments for implementing the EU Comprehensive Approach	Introduction to day 3 S9 Group exercise based on real-life scenario: Acting collectively in situations of fragility and crisis
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break
11.00 – 12.30	S2 The EU and fragility, security and development: Introduction to the EU Comprehensive Approach and recent policy developments	S6 Insights into the institutional set-up and procedures of key instruments	S10 Debriefing of the group exercise and plenary discussion
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	S3 Joint conflict analysis as the starting point for working under the EU Comprehensive Approach	S7 Analysis of EU actors intervening in fragility and crisis: Mandates, roles and responsibilities	S11 Concluding session in the presence of representatives from the management
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break
15.30 – 17.00	S4: Joint conflict analysis: Case study and exercise	S8 Case studies on the complementarity of instruments in support of fragile and crisis affected countries	S12 Outlook, sharing of resources Closure of the seminar
17.00 -17.30	Closure of day 1 and cocktail reception	Closure Day 2	

