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to

« *Climate Change and Security* » Pilot-Course

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Within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE) in cooperation with the Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria and G.S. Rakovski Defence College will organize, from 24 to 27 April 2018 a pilot course on *Climate Change and Security*, at CMDR COE premises (Sofia, Bulgaria).

The course, which is the first of this kind under ESDC, is designed for mid-to-senior level decision makers and/or experts (civilians and military) from the EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies. The priority will be given to experts that currently work or will take part in climate change mainstreaming policy development and implementation at the national, EEAS, DG ECHO or DG DEVCO levels, personnel involved in civil protection, disaster management, humanitarian assistance, capacity building and education and training expert, faculty advisers, professors, consultants and analysts.

The course will enhance awareness of climate change security implications through acquisition of basic knowledge related to global warming as a phenomenon and a security threat multiplier, the main factors which affect the environment, and the impact of climate change on international peace and security in short, mid and long term period.

This individual training will increase the level of expertise in this respective field and will support civil and military decision makers in identifying climate change related hazards and threats, capability development / improvement process, planning and conducting of missions / operations and development adaptation activities contributing to building peace and security. Additionally, the training aims to foster the network of future civilian and military experts in climate change diplomacy. The practical dimension of the course will be accomplished through syndicate sessions and a case study in the field.

It is therefore with great pleasure that the CMDR COE, Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute and G.S. Rakovski Defence College invite you to nominate suitable candidates for the ESDC Climate Change and Security pilot course. Deadline for registration of participants via the ENLIST registration system of the ESDC is 23 March 2018. The practical information and tentative programme is attached for further references.

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