



Invitation to **Pilot Course – Critical Infrastructures Protection in CSDP Environment**

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hosted by the **Center for Security Studies (KEMEA)**

Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the Center for Security Studies (KEMEA) of the Greek Ministry of Interior organises the pilot-course on **Critical Infrastructures Protection in CSDP Environment**. The activity is held in Athens from 18 to 22 June 2018.

The course aims to address the current state of critical infrastructure protection (CIP) in the CFSP/CSDP framework and especially to highlight the challenges evolving in the Wider Black Sea Area and MENA regions due to non-traditional threats which often transcend national borders – such as cyber-attacks, hybrid actions, terrorism, the effects of climate change on security and defence – and to enhance cooperative security planning for the protection of modern infrastructures. In terms of EU policy making, the course aims to develop and promote a better understanding of CSDP as an integral part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union. The topics will be addressed in an integrated and co-operative approach, using the interlinkages in the CIP field existing or under development between Greece, Bulgaria and Romania as case studies.

The course consists of **eLearning sessions** and an interactive **residential module** held in Athens between 18 and 22 June 2018. It offers cooperative solutions for combating major hazards and challenges – namely cyber attacks, terrorist attacks on energy supply, man-made disasters, information warfare and maritime security risks – to maintain stability and avoid adverse effects on the safety and security of Critical Infrastructures, tools and best practices for countering hybrid threats and protecting critical infrastructures and finally milestones for effective security planning for critical infrastructures protection in the CSDP environment. Participants will have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals on the critical infrastructures protection while gaining an insight into CSDP.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the **Critical Infrastructures Protection in CSDP Environment** pilot-course, which offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to the achieving of the ultimate goal of the ESDC: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, able to work in CSDP related fields*. Some practical information and the tentative programme are enclosed.

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Enclosure: practical information with tentative programme

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Practical information

The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU-Member States and relevant EU Institutions/Agencies, which are invited to nominate participants. The course could host up to 60 participants, 30 of them coming from the host Member State.

The working languages during the course are English and French without translation. All costs for travelling, accommodation and meals shall be covered by the sending authorities.

Applications are to be filled out by the national ENLIST nominators via the ENLIST secured registration system of the ESDC <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>. Deadline for registration: **25 May 2017**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the *registration form* in ENLIST by the confirmed participants (using the credential provided automatically by the ENLIST system during the confirmation process, further details to follow).

The course consists of an eLearning part and a residential module, both parts being compulsory. The eLearning module via the ESDC eLearning platform ILIAS opens on 28.05.2018 and all essential Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs) need to be completed before the residential module starts. The residential part of the course takes place on **18-22 June 2018** (from Monday at 11h00 to Friday at 13h00) at the KEMEA premises in Athens, located in the Hellenic Police campus (96, Mesogeion Avenue, Athens).

Attendance of the course is mandatory at all times. An ESDC Certificate is awarded to those participants who attend the entire residential course and complete the eLearning assignment.

Details on the course content, learning outcomes, course programme and administrative instructions, including directions to get to the KEMEA campus and the classroom, will be sent by e-mail in due time directly to the confirmed course participants.

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Tentative programme

Monday, 18 June 2018

11:00-12:00 Arrival, registration
12:00 Course opening
12:30-17:00 Lecturers, panels, syndicate work

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 to Thursday 21 June 2018

09:00-17:00 Lecturers, panels, syndicate work

Friday, 22 June 2018

09:00-11:00 Simulation Exercise
11:00-12:00 Closing lecture
12:00-12:30 Course evaluation, Certificates handling, closure
13:00 Departures