



**THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
AND
THE CENTRE FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE STUDIES (CENTRO SUPERIOR
DE ESTUDIOS DE LA DEFENSA NACIONAL (CESEDEN))**

**Invitation to the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation
Course**

(Activity Number 17-18/3/1)

Taking place in *Madrid (Spain)* from the 27th to the 31st March 2017

Hosted by the CESEDEN and the ESDC

The Centre for National Defence Studies (CESEDEN) and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) have the honour of co-organising the CSDP Orientation Course to be held in Madrid, Spain, from the 27th to the 31st of March 2017.

The CSDP Orientation Course is one of the top courses of the ESDC. The course aims to provide the participants with a general overview of the CSDP and getting into more detail on the most pertinent issues on the current European security and defence policy agenda.

The course consists of an **eLearning part**, as well as a **residential session**, held in Madrid, Spain, both parts being compulsory. It will offer the *participants a broad understanding of CSDP; in particular, they will be exposed to the CSDP institutional framework, current policies, as well as structures and processes*, taking into account the comprehensive approach. Participants will also have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

This specific Orientation Course will focus on how the EU and its member states could face the unconventional and unrestricted warfare.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the CSDP Orientation Course, which would offer them an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into CSDP and contribute to achieving the ultimate goal of the course: *providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel, able to work in CSDP related fields at strategic level.*

Please find below details concerning the registration process and a tentative programme.

The CESEDEN Director

LTG Rafael Sánchez Ortega

Annexes:

- **Administrative instructions**
- **Tentative programme**

Administrative instructions

CSDP Orientation Course

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Madrid, 27th – 31st March 2017

- The course is open to both civilian and military personnel from EU Member States, EU Institutions and Agencies, which are each one invited to nominate up to two participants.
- All lectures will be imparted in English without translation.
- 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 eLearning phase.
- The sending authorities shall cover all costs for travelling, accommodation and catering.
- Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>) by designated nominators. The deadline is February 20th, 2017.
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and upon completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- A reception on Monday, March 27th 2017, will be hosted by CESEDEN.
- The course will start with the eLearning- phase. The residential part of the course will take place in Madrid at CESEDEN from the 27th till the 31st March 2017.
- The Course Director, Col. José Tomás Hidalgo Tarrero (jhidtar@ea.mde.es), as soon as the list of participants is completed, will forward further detailed information on the course via e- mail directly to the course participants.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
CSDP OC IN MADRID, 27th -31st MARCH 2017

	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 31
09:00-10:30	09:00-09:30 Registration 09:30-09:50 Welcome 09:50-10:20 Key note speech 10:20-10:30 Group photo	Civil-Military Coordination in operations and missions	CSDP missions and operations	Gender in operations and missions	Syndicate presentation
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	EU Institutional framework	EU civil and military capabilities	Cooperation in CSDP missions	SSR in operations and missions	Evaluation
12:30-13:30	European Security Strategy	NATO-EU cooperation: non duplication of capabilities	Comprehensive approach in operations and missions: examples for the best and for the worst	Non-conventional and unrestricted warfare: how to confront it	Closing ceremony
13:30-14:30	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	
14:30-16:00	EU Decision –Making Process in Crisis Management	EU capabilities: the way ahead	Visit to SATCEN	The future of CSDP: critical view on CSDP	
16:00-17:30	Civil-Military Coordination in Crisis Management	EU communication policy in operations and missions.		Syndicate work	
20:30–22:00	Welcome cocktail				