



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ESDC Pilot-Course « **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context** »

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Sofia, 28 November – 1 December 2017

Within the framework of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), the *Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria* (also known as the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute) in cooperation with *G.S. Rakovski Defence College* and *Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE)* are offering the **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context** pilot-course, the first training activity on this topic in the ESDC academic offer.

- ✓ Four day ESDC Pilot-course on **Disaster Relief in CSDP Context** that is taking place from 28 November to 1 December 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria. The training is jointly organised by the *Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria* (also known as the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute) in cooperation with *G.S. Rakovski Defence College* and *Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE)* at the following locations:
 - on 28th and 29th November and 1st December 2017 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria/Diplomatic Institute to the MFA, 2, Alexander Zhendov Str. 1113 Sofia
 - on 30th November at the G.S. Rakovski Defence College, 82, Evlogi and Hristo Georgievi blvd, 1504 Sofia
- ✓ The CSDP language regime of the training is applied: English and French without translation.
- ✓ The course consists in an eLearning session on the eLearning platform of the ESDC and a residential module in Sofia between 28 November and 1 December. Attendance is mandatory throughout the entire residential module in Sofia. A Certificate will be awarded to the course participants who have completed both eLearning and attended the entire residential module.
- ✓ A list of recommended readings/materials has been compiled for the participants to assist their ushering into the course topics.

- ✓ All transportation, accommodation and catering costs are responsibility of the sending institutions. Participants could arrange their own travel, accommodation and catering/meals. However, there are two options for accommodation of participants situated in close proximity of the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria/Diplomatic Institute to the MFA.

- Hotel Europe (<http://www.hotel-europe-bg.com/en/>)
- Hotel Kibella (http://www.hotelkibella.com//en/price-list_10)

In the same time, self-service cafeteria for coffee breaks and lunches (at reasonable pricing) are available at the MFA compound (Tuesday-28 Nov, Wednesday-29 Nov, Friday-1 Dec). On Thursday's (30 Nov) catering will be arranged at G.S. Rakovski Defence College.

- ✓ The course is designed for personnel with civilian (diplomatic/consular, police, judicial, intelligence of humanitarian non-governmental organisations staff) and military backgrounds, having expertise and operational experience in civil protection, disaster relief and/or humanitarian assistance. The course is open to participants from third countries. However, priority will be given to experts from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies and from the EU Delegations that can be deployed in *Fact Finding Missions* in disaster stricken areas as teams of EEAS/EUMS or DG ECHO.

Applications of candidates from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, CSDP missions and operations and EU Delegations are processed by the designated ENLIST nominators via the secured registration system **ENLIST** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ENList/web/app.php/login>, no later than **3 November 2017**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form (personal data) in ENLIST by the nominated participant.

Applications for non-European candidates will be sent by email to the ESDC Secretariat by email to SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu. The following data needs to be provided: Family name and First name(s) as in the official documents used for travelling and for access to the course venue and the email address of each trainee.

- ✓ Further information will be provided via e-mail directly to the confirmed course participants by the course director Mr. Valentin KATRANZHEV from the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute.