



Invitation for the Preparatory Training for CSDP Mission Staff

(14-15/33/2)

Brussels – 3 to 6 February 2015

organised by the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden

The Folke Bernadotte Academy, together with the European Security and Defence College, will organise a 4-day Preparatory Training for CSDP Mission Staff in Brussels from 3 to 6 February, 2015, in Brussels.

The overall objective of this course is to uniform the management culture of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and to ensure that future mission members are equipped with knowledge and skills necessary to be operational and adapt to the new working environment as quickly as possible.

According to the 2013 CSDP Lessons Learned Report, a common foundation of pre-deployment training for all CSPD mission staff can greatly enhance mission effectiveness and coherence. The importance of proper pre-deployment training was mentioned as one of the five most important findings in the report.

The EU Training Policy on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) states that all mission personnel should receive pre-deployment training (PDT) and this principle should therefore be applied to both seconded and international contracted staff. This course is thus offered to both categories.

This course is primarily aimed for personnel already selected to a CSDP mission.

We therefore take great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants for this course, which is an excellent opportunity to gain a good understanding of the CSDP in the global security environment and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture.

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Administrative Details

- The course is open to civilian and police personnel from EU Member States and from CSDP missions. The course is open also to those third countries who are seconding personnel to CSDP missions.
- 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, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities.
- Applications are to be sent to <u>secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu</u> by seconding authorities or by CSDP missions no later than 20 January 2015. Applicants should use standard CSDP mission application form.
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat, at January 22, 2015.
- The course venue for the course will be in Brussels in the close vicinity of EU institutions. The exact venue will be announced in the confirmation message.
- The course will start on 23 January with the Internet Based Distance learning (IDL), amounting of about 16 hrs student work-load. Completion of eHEST is part of this and a pre-requisite to the course. The residential part of the course will take place in Brussels from 3 to 6 February 2015 (Tuesday 08:30 to Friday 15:00).
- Attached you will find a draft programme. Before the course, an updated programme will be distributed.
- For further information on the course, please contact ESDC Course Coordinator Mr Petteri Taitto. E-mail: petteri.taitto@eeas.europa.eu.