

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE

INVITATION

to the

Annual Conference of the European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC) 2023

Brussels, 7 to 9 of June 2023

‘Enhancing training capacity and cooperation on peace, security and defence’

The European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is honoured to host and organise the **11th Annual Conference of the European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC)**.

The European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC) brings together military, police, diplomatic and civilian training institutes, think tanks and universities across Europe dedicated to topics relevant to peace operations and crisis management, to build and strengthen regional cooperation. In its yearly conference, hosted by an EAPTC partner, the EAPTC exchanges views on good practices, innovative approaches and current developments as regards training. The first EAPTC conference took place in 2013 in Lübeck, Germany. The EAPTC is associated with the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC).

The conference will take place in Brussels over three days – **from 16:00 on 7 June 2023 until 14:00 on 9 June** – and will focus on enhancing training capacity and cooperation on peace, security and defence. The programme will consist of working group sessions and panel discussions involving speakers with expertise in peace operations and crisis management working for the EU institutions and relevant Member State training bodies. The conference will review the past 20 years of CSDP missions, with a forward-looking approach. Working group sessions will cover emerging areas and recent policy developments, such as the Civilian Compact, leadership/management in CSDP missions and operations, knowledge management, the training architecture of the EU, environmental peacebuilding/climate security, and how the New Agenda for Peace influences the EU.

The conference also provides a great opportunity for networking and interacting with the relevant EU institutions and with training institutes from all over Europe.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. We therefore encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to register.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in this annual conference, and we look forward to seeing you in Brussels in June.

Brussels, 27 April 2023



Holger Osterrieder
Head of the
European Security and Defence College

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Administrative remarks

- **Target audience:** The target group for the conference is military, police, diplomatic and civilian training institutes in Member States, think tanks, universities, and EU institutions and agencies working on topics related to peace operations and crisis management. The conference is open to third countries and international organisations.
- **Language:** All conference sessions will be held in English. No interpretation will be provided.
- **Costs:** There is no registration fee. Sending institutions will cover costs for travel and accommodation. The ESDC will cover a dinner on 7 June, lunch and dinner on 8 June and coffee breaks throughout the three days.
- **Application:** Participants are invited to fill in the application form via this Constant Contact link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=p7hlkxtab&oeidk=a07ejqxldt44f7ebd25>. The deadline for submission of applications is **15 May 2023**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat.
- **Venue:** The conference will be held at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels (<https://goo.gl/maps/Tv6JKgaAdAZey5pF9>).
- **Times:** The conference starts at **16:00 on 7 June and ends at 14:00 on 9 June**.
- **Dress code:** The dress code is business attire for both civilians and military personnel.
- **Information:** General information about the conference, the final programme and logistical and administrative information will be distributed to registered participants prior to the conference. All administrative information, programmes and material will be made available to accepted participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).
- **Diversity and inclusion:** The ESDC strives to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the Training Institutes do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Points of contact:** The ESDC coordinators for the conference are Isak Enstrom and Giuseppe Zuffanti (EAPTC@eeas.europa.eu)

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (tentative)

7 June – 9 June 2023, Brussels (in person only)

Venue

Albert Borschette Conference Centre, rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels
<https://goo.gl/maps/Tv6JKgaAdAZey5pF9>

Host

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DAY 1	<u>Wednesday 7 June 2023</u>
15:00 – 16:00	<u>Registration</u> <u>Welcome coffee</u>
	Panel discussion 2nd floor - room 2B
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 years of CSDP missions - a forward-looking approach
17:30 – 18:00	<u>Coffee break</u>
	Welcome reception and Exhibition of the major EU CSDP stakeholders 5th floor
18:00 – 21:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome reception and exhibition of the major EU CSDP Entity
21:30	<u>Closing remarks – End of day 1</u>

DAY 2	<u>Thursday 8 June 2023</u>
08:30 – 09:00	<u>Registration</u> <u>Welcome coffee</u>
	Introduction & opening remarks 2nd floor - room 2B
09:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction & opening remarks
10:30 – 11:00	<u>Coffee break</u>
	(1) concurrent sessions
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian Compact - what it means in practice (2nd floor – room 2B) • Leadership/management in CSDP missions and operations (4th floor – room 4A)
12:30 – 14:00	<u>Lunch break - 5th floor (hosted by ESDC)</u>
	(2) concurrent sessions
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU training architecture (2nd floor – room 2B) • Knowledge management - EU/UN (4th floor – room 4A)
15:30 – 16:00	<u>Coffee break</u>
	(3) concurrent sessions
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental peacebuilding/climate security (2nd floor – room 2B) • New Agenda for Peace - how does it influence the EU? (4th floor – room 4A)
	Day 2 wrap-up 2nd floor – room 2B
17:30 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 2 wrap-up and closing remarks (2nd floor – room 2B)
19:00 – 21:00	<u>Conference dinner (hosted by ESDC)</u>

DAY 3	Friday 9 June 2023
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i> <i>Welcome coffee</i>
	Panel session Reporting back on discussions from day 2 concurrent sessions 2nd floor - room 2B
09:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian Compact - what it means in practice • Leadership/management in CSDP missions and operations • EU training architecture
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Panel session Reporting back on discussions from day 2 concurrent sessions 2nd floor - room 2B
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge management - EU/UN • Environmental peacebuilding/climate security • New Agenda for Peace - how does it influence the EU?
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Updates from IAPTC 2nd floor - room 2B
13:00 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from the IAPTC Executive Committee
	Handover to 2024 host 2nd floor - room 2B
13:30 – 13:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handover to 2024 host
	Closing remarks 2nd floor - room 2B
13:45 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks