



## **European Security and Defence College and Trinity College Dublin**

### **Invitation to the pilot course on *Improving Performance in the CSDP Missions***

(Activity Number 18-19/56/01)

**Taking place in the city of Dublin, Ireland, from 7 to 9 January 2019**

Hosted by Trinity College Dublin under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College

Trinity College Dublin, in close cooperation with Laurea University of Applied Sciences, has the honour of co-organising ***a pilot course on Improving Performance in the CSDP Missions*** under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) to be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 7 to 9 January 2019.

The course aims to increase the performance of future mission personnel when communicating and cooperating in a stressful environment, taking into account cultural diversity and gender aspects, and thus to enhance the effectiveness of the CSDP Missions and Operations as part of the EU Integrated Approach. The course is designed to ensure that deploying personnel are equipped with the necessary knowledge of the soft skills needed in the mission environment.

The training programme builds on the skills identified by the [GAP project](#) as relevant for conflict prevention and peace building (CPPB) personnel, and delivered in a digital role-playing game, with assessment. The residential part includes playing the role-playing 2D computer game as well as individual assessment and group work – as described in the course programme. Participants will also have the opportunity to network, share views and perspectives with one another and with professionals in the field of CSDP.

***This course is primarily for civilian, police and military personnel soon to work, or already working, on a CSDP mission/operation, but it is also well-suited to personnel who are training and deploying personnel.***

We therefore take great pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants for this course, which is an excellent opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the soft skills and to practice communication in the mission environment and thus contribute to the further development of a European security culture. Please forward your nominations.

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Annexes:

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

## **Administrative instruction**

- **The ESDC pilot course on Improving Performance in the CSDP Missions** is taking place from 7 to 9 January 2019 at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland, 3 College Green, Dublin 2, 6th Floor Conference Room.
- This course consists of an eLearning phase (using the eLearning platform of ESDC named ILIAS), as well as the residential part, both being compulsory. Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course.
- The course is open to ***civilian, police and military personnel aiming for a CSDP mission/operation, but it is also highly recommendable to personnel who are training and deploying personnel*** from the EU Member States and the European Institutions and Agencies, including EU Delegations. It is also open to partner countries.
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering shall be covered by the sending authorities. It is up to the participants to organise their own logistics.
- 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, **no later than 23 November 2018**. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat AND upon completion of the registration form in ENLIST by the selected participant.
- Please find enclosed the Invitation and the tentative programme. Further information on the course will be forwarded via e-mail directly to the course participants by the Course Director, Dr Anne Holohan Trinity College Dublin ([aholohan@tcd.ie](mailto:aholohan@tcd.ie)), or Training Manager Charlotta Ahlmark ESDC ([charlotta.ahlmark@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:charlotta.ahlmark@eeas.europa.eu)). For questions regarding registration please contact the ESDC Secretariat ([SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu)) .
- **Course venue:**  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
3 College Green,  
Trinity College Dublin  
Dublin 2, Ireland

**Please note that the venue is outside the main campus opposite the Front Gate of the College**  
<http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/assets/pdf/tcd-campus.pdf>

- **Accommodation**

The pilot course is taking place in Trinity College Campus in Dublin city centre. You are encouraged to book accommodation as soon as you are accepted to the course, as Dublin hotels fill up early all year round, and prices are likely to increase closer to the date of travel. The suggested hotels below are within walking distance of the venue, are well reviewed and have free Wi-Fi access. You are however welcome to book alternative accommodation and there is a wide selection of hotels, guest houses and hostels to be found around Dublin on [booking.com](https://www.booking.com).



**1. Castle Hotel**

Price per night: €65-€85

Walking distance to course venue: 15 minutes

For more information and to book, please click [here](#)



**2. Drury Court Hotel**

Price per night: €90-€110

Walking distance to course venue: 7 minutes

For more information and to book, please click [here](#)



**3. Arlington Hotel**

Price per night: €90-€110

Walking distance to course venue: 5 minutes

For more information and to book, please click [here](#)



**4. Maldron Hotel Pearse Street**

Price per night €120-€140

Walking distance to course venue: 15 minutes

For more information and to book, please click [here](#)

