

INFORMATION

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CONDITIONS AND COSTS OF PARTICIPATION

ESDC Course on the Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (also UN-certified)

15 – 20 NOVEMBER 2020

1. Conditions of Participation

This course is set at the operational level and targets senior national and international mid- to senior level experts and decision-makers of armed forces (from rank of Major/OF-3 and above), police (equivalent levels of senior police officers), United Nations Missions and Agencies, International and Regional Organisations and staff from non-governmental/civilian organisations (UN professional level P3 and above or equivalent in other organisations, head of substantive section and above), and the political/civilian administration (senior staff, head of division/department and above) who are working in the context of or with peacekeeping operations in complex emergencies requiring the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

The course language is English and participants must be fully proficient in English in order to be able to engage in discussions and fully benefit from the training.

Late arrivals or early departures cannot be accepted. The intense course programme does furthermore not allow for any additional commitments during the course.

Participants are required to complete selected eLearning modules in the preparatory phase preceding the residential part of this course. The timely completion of these eLearning modules is a precondition for receiving the course certificate. A constant well working internet connection and ongoing presence over email is therefore compulsory for participants, also in the preparation (non-residential) phase.

2. Selection Criteria and Process

A Course Admission Board, consisting of the organizers, strives to select a highly qualified group of participants in order to ensure the set course standard. The selection process considers a balance in professional and organisational backgrounds, age, nationality and gender. Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Incompletely filled application forms impact negatively the candidate's chances to be selected for participation.

With respect to the valid COVID-19 regulations to date and for the course dates, only a limited number of participants can be accepted. Depending on international movement and national immigration restrictions, the course organisation may have to exclude applicants.

3. Application

For the application, please use the provided “Application Form” and fill in all relevant information, particularly an active email address that you have regular access to and keep monitoring.

The course organisation requests the certification from the employer for applicants from ongoing peace support operations to make sure the applicant is properly supported for all required course preparations and released from duty for the residential part of the course in Austria.

Forms that are not properly filled and completed have a lesser chance to be considered for admission.

Please note that all information you will provide to us will be kept strictly internal and shared only with the partners organising the course under the EU Data Protection Regulations.

Duly filled applications forms must be scanned and emailed to:

esdc@aspr.ac.at,

The application deadline is set for 25 September 2020 COB strictly.

Successful candidates will be informed after the completed selection process, which will be within 2 weeks after the application deadline.

4. Costs of Participation

Course participants are requested to cover their accommodation and meals at a selected hotel and their individual travel expenses to the course venue. Participants are furthermore expected to have a valid full medical and other insurance coverage for their stay in Austria.

Further information on the hotel and related booking instructions will be provided to admitted participants only. The costs are situated at the average of a four-star accommodation in Vienna, Austria.

Due to generous support by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence, the course will be hosted as follows: the seminar facility, course materials and expert trainers as well as the coffee breaks during the course, a welcome reception and an Austrian Dinner Evening are covered.

Any additional questions should be directed to the
Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR)

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