



**ESDC COURSE
on the
PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS
IN ARMED CONFLICT
(also UN certified)
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ARRIVALS		DAY 1		Day 2		DAY 3		DAY 4		DAY 5	
From 16:30 Arrivals		OFFICIAL OPENING Introduction		Daily Evaluation		Daily Evaluation		Daily Evaluation		Daily Evaluation	
		1 Introduction to the PoC Concept	6 Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law	12 Child Protection	18 Threat Analysis and Risk Assessment	21 ctd. Group Exercise Presentations				OFFICIAL CLOSING & CERTIFICATES	
		2 PoC in the Context of UN Peacekeeping Operations	7 Legal Framework of Peace Operations	13 CRSV	19 PoC Implementation	Departure to Vienna					
		3 UN Mission Structure	8 PoC in the Context of NATO	14 Protection Role of the Military	20 Q & A						
		4 PoC in the Context of EU Crisis Management	9 Protection Concept of Humanitarian Actors	15 Protection Role of the Police	21 Final Exercise						
		5 Conflict Mapping Exercise	10 Protection of IDPs and Refugees	16 Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies							
			11 Exercise on Coordination with Humanitarian Actors	17 Introduction to the Final Exercise							

Background

Despite the existence of well-established international legal frameworks regulating the conduct of war, deliberate and targeted attacks on civilians have increasingly become an instrument of modern warfare and—depending on the context—up to 90% of conflict related deaths are civilians.

With this challenging background, specific and continuous efforts are requested from international and national actors in crisis management, which has been taken up by the UN Security Council Resolution 1894 on the Protection of Civilians in 2009.

Since its adoption, Austria has committed itself to particularly supporting the implementation of Protection of Civilians (PoC) in Armed Conflict agendas and mandates and the ASPR has been a key partner in these efforts.

A comprehensive training course on POC was developed with the support of and in partnership with several Austrian Ministries (Defence, Foreign Affairs, Interior). This course has been offered since 2012 at the ASPR and is open for civilian, police and military experts active in international crisis management and peacekeeping.

This course on Protection of Civilians has been validated with a UN Certification by the Department for Peacekeeping Operations in 2014.

The course is furthermore part of the European Security and Defence Centre (ESDC) training curriculum.

What to expect?

The content of this operational level training course reflects a broad interpretation of protection, which goes beyond the provision of protection from physical violence but also includes the creation of a protective environment where individual rights are respected in accordance with international humanitarian law, human rights, and refugee law.

The overall course objective is to enable graduates to improve their understanding of the various mandates of operating actors in protection of civilians, identify and options for coordinated and joint actions and measures for a more effective protection of civilians in conflict zones.

Graduates of this course will thus enhance their comprehensive understanding of legal, political, and practical dimensions of the protection of civilians; they will improve their awareness of threats, needs and vulnerabilities of different groups of civilians, and be in position apply operational level strategies and field-suitable measures.

Course participants are requested to cover their full board accommodation at the Hotel and Conference Centre which is 600 EUR and their individual travel expenses to Vienna International Airport, including visa fees and all further personal expenses. Participants are furthermore expected to have a valid full medical and other insurance coverage for their stay.

Due to generous support by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence, there are no course related expenses.

How to apply?

TARGET GROUP

The course targets senior experts and decision-makers of

- armed forces (from rank of Major/OF-3 and above),
- police (equivalent senior police officers and above),
- public/civilian administration (heads of substantive sections and above), and
- non-governmental institutions, including civil society organizations (mid to senior level management positions)

who are working with or in the context of peacekeeping operations in complex emergencies requiring the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1 December 2018

To request further information or to apply to the course, please contact:

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