

Background

This senior level course on Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies is jointly organised by the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR), the Austrian Ministry of Defence, and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) as a contribution from the Republic of Austria to the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

Launched in 2009 as „Peacebuilding Course“ it has provided professionals from diverse backgrounds with a comprehensive approach to recovery in post-conflict contexts.

Over the last years, it became apparent that the course focus needed further fine tuning and adjustment in view of the increasing complexity and challenges of recovery and stabilisation processes.

Studies of ongoing peace missions have furthermore identified a number of strategic and planning shortfalls that this course will address in its endeavour to build the necessary capacity for improved international support to address challenges with sustainable solutions.

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) along with its partners undertook a full review of the original curriculum and has reorganised the programme design accordingly.

The adapted course includes improved structures to fully benefit from senior experts trainers as well as the exchange with fellow participants.

What to expect?

The course provides:

- Analysis and critical review of approaches, policies, challenges, lessons learned and inspiration from applied best practice as well as discovery of out of the box solutions for recovery and stabilisation efforts
- learning through exchange of case studies addressing selected topics, interaction with fellow participants and senior experts as trainers
- Improved skills regarding the assessment, planning, implementation and critical evaluation of major tasks in the process of recovery and stabilisation,
- Strategies for comprehensive collaboration and networking opportunities in the expert community for future professional exchanges

The course includes an e-Learning section prior to the residential phase.

An ESDC Certificate is awarded upon successful completion of the course.

Located at the medieval castle of Stadtschlaining in one of the most beautiful Austrian countrysides, the ASPR offers a very conducive learning environment which provides busy professionals with the necessary quiet space to take a step back from their daily hectic and reflect, find inspiration and return to the job with fresh energy.

How to apply?

PARTICIPANT TARGET GROUP

The participants will predominantly come from EU institutions, its Member States and EU candidate countries. Limited numbers of slots will be attributed to participants from UN and OSCE structures.

Participants should be working in post-conflict recovery contexts at the strategic level or be in charge of policy-level programming for long term stabilisation strategies in peace missions and complex emergencies. With regards to the integrated and whole-of-government approach to sustainable peacebuilding, participants may be civilian, military or police staff.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 April 2019

Course participants are requested to cover their full board accommodation cost of 590,— EUR as well as their flights to VIE International Airport and full insurance during their stay in Austria.

There are no scholarships available.

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