

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
and
LODZ CYBER HUB at the UNIVERSITY OF LODZ, POLAND

Invitation to the course on:

Cybersecurity and International Law

(ESDC activity number 25-26/216/1)

16 - 18 February 2025 – residential format, Brussels

Lodz Cyber Hub, a research centre representing the University of Lodz, Poland, under the auspices of the **European Security and Defence College (ESDC)** is organising a full residential course on cybersecurity and international law from 16 to 18 February 2025 in Brussels. This course is a non-specialised cyber course at awareness level. It is linked to the strategic objectives of Pillar 3 of **the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade**¹, reflects the priority on cyber within the **EU's Strategic Compass**² and supports the **European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF)** of ENISA³ 'Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer' profile.

This course provides a practical approach to the application of international law in cyberspace, addressing current geopolitical challenges. Topics include state responsibility for cyber operations, cybersecurity due diligence, peaceful dispute resolution, transboundary data flows (GDPR, Big Data), artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithmic accountability, as well as intermediary liability. It also covers ongoing United Nations cyber processes, such as the recent Hanoi Convention, WSIS+20 process, the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on **transnational data access**, as well as current dialogues on autonomous weapons systems, and AI liability.

It provides a platform to exchange views and share best practices on critical cyber-related issues. Through expert-led presentations, practical exercises, and interactive discussions, participants enhance their knowledge, skills, and strategic competencies in addressing cyber challenges. By the end of the course, they have practical understanding and tools required to apply international law effectively in cyberspace and strengthen their work in diplomatic, law enforcement, and military settings.

Part of the ESDC's EAB.Cyber/Cyber Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE) platform, this course is designed for mid-level to senior officials (civilian and military) dealing with cybersecurity issues, and is open to individuals from EU Member States, EU institutions, EU bodies and agencies, candidate countries, third countries, and international and regional organisations.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants from under-represented groups to apply.

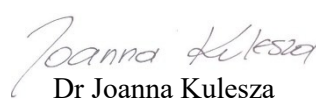
Brussels, 18 November 2025



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Annexes

- A. Course administrative instructions
- B. Draft programme

¹ Shaping Europe's future, <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/europes-digital-decade>.

² A Strategic Compass for the EU https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/strategic-compass-eu-0_en.

³ The European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF) framework of ENISA [link](#).

ANNEX A

Course administrative instructions

Course: Cybersecurity and International Law

Brussels, 16 to 18 February 2025 (fully residential)

**This ESDC course supports the ‘Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer’ profile
of the European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF) of ENISA**

Date: 16 to 18 February 2025 in fully residential format.

Maximum number of participants: 25.

Nominations deadline: 30 January 2025.

Course Venue: The course will take place at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels. Link for directions:

https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/document.cfm?action=display&doc_id=15342

Language: English (without translation or interpretation).

Target audience: The course is open to mid-ranking to senior officials (civilian and military) dealing with cyber security issues and who are from EU Member States/EU institutions bodies and agencies, candidate countries, third countries and international and regional organisations.

How to apply and deadline:

- Applications from the **EU Member States and institutions** are to be filled in by the **national ENLIST nominators** via the ESDC secure registration system via the following link <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 30 January 2025**. A list of relevant ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>.
- Applications from **non-EU States** have to be identified by their **national authorities** and transmitted to Mr Giuseppe Zuffanti: giuseppe.zuffanti@eeas.europa.eu.

Registration: registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat. When the participants' list is finalised, the course administrators will contact the selected participants and provide detailed information about the course.

Please do not book flights and accommodation before receiving the confirmation message.

The selection of participants will be based on applicant backgrounds, experience, suitability, gender balance and country of origin. The decision on which applications are accepted remains solely with the Training Institutions and the ESDC Secretariat. When the participants' list is finalised, the course administration will contact the selected participants and provide more detailed information about the course and logistics.

Liabilities, medical and life insurance: In the event of medical emergencies or accidents, the costs will be covered directly by the health, life and accident insurance provided by the participants' sending countries, national authorities or organisations. The organiser does not provide health, life or accident insurance for participants at the event or during their stay in Belgium.

Dress code: business attire for all participants, both civilians and military personnel.

Course (tuition) fees: the course is free of charge. The sending authorities will cover all costs for travelling, accommodation and catering (including breakfast) for participants.

Travel Arrangements: Participants are kindly requested to make their individual travel arrangements (including for accommodation), in line with their sending authorities' guidelines. It is recommended that participants arrive at Brussels International Airport by 15 February 2025 at the latest. Further information will be sent to participants following registration.

Meals: The ESDC will host a social lunch on 16 February 2025. Coffee breaks will be provided at the course venue. Participants are kindly requested to arrange for all other meals. There is a number of options in the vicinity of the course venue.

E-learning: the course begins with an online (asynchronous) e-learning part on the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS), which needs to have been completed before the residential part begins. Both parts are compulsory. Detailed information will be shared with the selected participants.

Supporting services: all administrative information, programmes and material will be made available to the selected participants through the ESDC's e-learning platform (ILIAS LMS).

Attendance: is mandatory for all course days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules.

Diversity and inclusion. The ESDC seeks to create a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Everyone, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, can only reach their true potential in an inclusive environment. We do 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.

Cybersecurity and International Law – Brussels, 16 to 18 February 2025 (fully residential) – Course points of contact:

<u>European Security and Defence College:</u>	<u>PoC at the University of Lodz:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Giuseppe Zuffanti Coordinator for cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE platform – Project Manager and Training Manager for Cyber – National Expert giuseppe.zuffanti@eeas.europa.eu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Joanna Kulesza Lodz Cyber Hub / Faculty of Law and Administration Joanna_Kulesza@wpia.uni.lodz.pl

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Lodz Cyber Hub at the University of Lodz of Poland

“Course on Cybersecurity and International Law”

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DRAFT PROGRAMME rev3

16 – 18 February 2026 – Residential format

Course Venue:
Brussels

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Dr. Joanna Kulesza

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DAY 1 (CET)	<u>Monday, 16 February 2026</u>
08:30 – 09:00	<u>Registration</u>
	SESSION 1 – WELCOME INTRODUCTION
09:00 – 09:40	<u>Opening Address, the European Security and Defence College and the Cyber ETEE activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Fergal O'Regan, Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels</i> • <i>Mr. Giuseppe Zuffanti, Coordinator for Cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE Platform – Project Manager/Training Manager for Cyber - National Expert, European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels</i>
09:40 – 10:15	<u>Welcome address and introduction to the course:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Joanna Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland – 35' presentation Including Q&A</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<u>Informal Tour-de-Table and group photo</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of participants</i>
10:45 – 11:15	<u>Coffee break</u>
	SESSION 2 – DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY
11:15 – 12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Jamal Shahin, Programme Director and Associate Professor at the Brussels School of Governance (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Senior Lecturer at the University of Amsterdam, and Professorial Fellow at UNU-CRIS in Bruges. 90' presentation including Q&A</i>
12:45 – 14:30	<u>Course lunch and ice-breaker hosted by the ESDC</u>
	SESSION 3 – TABLE TOP EXERCISE
14:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Julia Schütze, Cyber Policy Haus, "Team building exercises", 120' presentation Including Q&A TBC</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<u>Closing remarks Day 1</u>

DAY 2 (CET)	<u>Tuesday, 17 February 2026</u>
09:00 – 09:30	<u>Registration</u>
	SESSION 4 - INTERNET GOVERNANCE
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Romain Bosc and Ms. Alena Muravska, European IP Networks – Network Coordination Center (RIPE NCC) - 90' presentation including practical exercises and Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	<u>Coffee break</u>
	SESSION 5 – CYBERCRIME
11:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michele Socco, Member of the Cybercrime Unit of Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission, Brussels – “CoE Budapest convention on cybercrime” – 90' presentation Including Q&A
13:00 – 14:30	<u>Lunch break</u>
	SESSION 6 – INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION
14:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Paolo Bargiacchi, “International Law and Critical Infrastructure Protection”- University of Enna "Kore" Full Professor of International Law in the Faculty of Economics and Law - 90' presentation including Q&A
16:00 – 16:30	<u>Closing remarks Day 2</u>

DAY 3 (CET)	<u>Wednesday, 18 February 2026</u>
09:00 – 09:30	<u>Registration</u>
	SESSION 7 – DATA PROTECTION
09:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Plamen Angelov, Head of Activity for JHA Matters - Policy & Consultation Unit, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), Brussels – 90' Including Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	<u>Coffee break</u>
	SESSION 8 – NATO SHAPE THEMED SESSION
11:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Patrizio Lupi - Acting Branch Head International Law Branch ACO Office of Legal Affairs – Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) – 90' presentation including Q&A
	SESSION 10 - KEY TAKEAWAYS: A COURSE RECAP
13:00 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Joanna Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland
	SESSION 11 – CERTIFICATE CEREMONY
13:30 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fergal O'Regan, Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels • Dr. Joanna Kulesza, Assistant Professor, Dpt of International Law and Lodz Cyber Hub Executive Director, University of Lodz, Poland • Mr. Giuseppe Zuffanti, Coordinator for Cyber issues and for the Cyber ETEE Platform – Project Manager/Training Manager for Cyber - National Expert, European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Brussels
14:00 – 14:30	Closing Remarks - End of the Course