

Background

The course is organized by the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) and the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports in the framework of the Academic Programme of the European Security and Defence College, supported by the International Security Sector Advisory Team of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of experts already involved or about to be involved in the assessment, design, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of SSR processes.

Moreover, cross-cutting issues such as gender, human rights, civil society involvement, DDR, and SALW are discussed. In-depth knowledge on SSR and its hands-on implementation is provided through a practical case study and the discussion of best practices.

IDL (Internet-Based Distance Learning) modules will be used during the preparatory phase preceding the residential part of the course.

What to expect?

Participants are provided with a comprehensive and holistic overview on the concepts, strategies and stakeholders of SSR processes, based on the concept of human security.

At the end of this course participants will have a thorough understanding of SSR, a clear view of the EU approach, and will be familiar with the main pillars of such reform processes, such as defence, police, intelligence, prosecution, justice/courts, and integrated border management.

Participants will be able to analyse and connect with various actors in the field of SSR, undertake assessments and apply their skills regarding planning, implementing and monitoring of SSR activities to their work.

The training is also an excellent opportunity to network and exchange views with other professionals from different institutional, geographical and cultural backgrounds, all working towards achieving sustainable peace, security and development.

How to apply?

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

The course is open to experts from governments, civil society, the military, police, international organisations and the private sector. Participants are required to have professional experience in Security Sector Reform processes or to be about to engage in such. **Members of national, regional, and international SSR expert pools are especially encouraged to apply.**

Fluency in English is required.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 July 2014

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

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