

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
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CEIDA - Centro Italiano di Direzione Aziendale, Rome, Italy

Invitation to the course:

‘Cyberdiplomacy Advanced Course’

(ESDC activity number 24-25/207.b/2)

18 – 20 June 2025 (fully residential) at CEIDA, Rome, Italy

The Centro Italiano di Direzione Aziendale (CEIDA) has the honour to deliver the June 2025 edition of the **Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course** under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). This specialised cyber course is aligned with the EU’s Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade.

In today’s interconnected world, the cyber landscape has become a pivotal arena for both statecraft and security. The fast pace of digital transformation has revolutionised communication but also heightened vulnerabilities that transcend borders. Governments are increasingly implementing rigid measures to safeguard sensitive data and critical infrastructures against sophisticated cyber threats. As cyber diplomacy evolves, it requires an integrated approach that combines national security with international cooperation.

This course is designed to address these challenges by exploring policy frameworks, risk management strategies, and the legal aspects of cybersecurity. Participants will gain insights into the complexities of digital sovereignty and the imperative of aligning governmental safeguards with emerging technologies.

The programme will cover:

- the key stakeholders in cyber diplomacy and their roles in shaping global policy.
- an overview of legal and regulatory frameworks essential for developing solid cybersecurity strategies.
- the geopolitical challenges that are affecting international cyber relations.
- capacity-building sessions to enhance strategic planning and decision-making skills.
- case studies with real-world examples to foster interactive discussion on successful cyber defence initiatives.

CEIDA is fully acquainted with research on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. Building on its 40+ years of working with Italian governmental institutions, it focuses on developing and enhancing expertise, know-how and capabilities that can foster resilient strategies to secure our digital future.

It is therefore a privilege to cooperate with the ESDC and host the “Cyber Diplomacy Advanced Course” in Italy, at our campus in Rome.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. It is only within an inclusive environment that all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, can realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage underrepresented applicants to apply.

The course is open to mid-ranking to senior officials (civilian and military) from EU Member States/EU institutions, bodies and agencies. It will equip participants with the tools needed to contribute effectively to the field of cyber diplomacy.

The course is scheduled to take place from **18 to 20 June 2025** in a residential format in **Rome** at the CEIDA Campus - Villa Palestro – Via Palestro 24.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to this advanced course on Cyber Diplomacy. Please find below all the relevant details concerning the registration process and the draft programme.



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Annexes

- A. Course administrative instructions
- B. Draft programme
- C. Logistics details