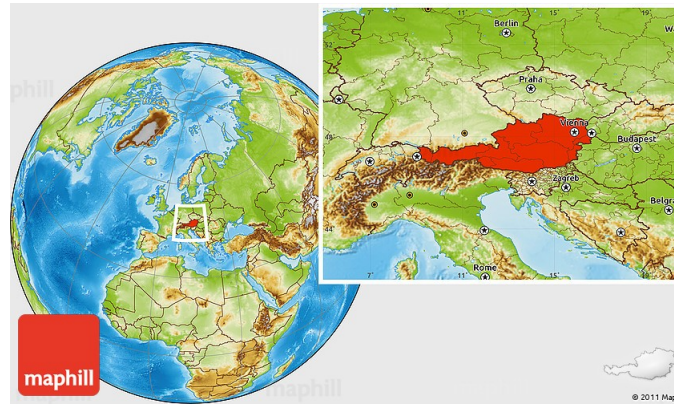




ESDC Comprehensive
Protection of Civilians Course
(also UN-certified)

Online Version



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TENTATIVE COURSE PROGRAMME — ONLINE VERSION

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11-12		12 CHILD PROTECTION AND CPOC	5 CONFLICT MAPPING	16 RECOVERY STRATEGIES & CPOC	11:00 Submission Deadline for Group Work results <i>Trainers prepare for Final Ex Presentation & Closing</i>
12:30		Q & A on Child Protection	Q & A on CR GBSV	Preparation for Final Ex	
13-14		6 HUMAN RIGHTS AND IHL	15 PROTECTION ROLE OF THE POLICE	17 THREAT ANALYSIS AND RISK ASSESSMENT	20 FINAL EXERCISE
14-15	Official Opening Course Introduction	3 CPOC IN THE CONTEXT OF UN PSO	14 PROTECTION ROLE OF THE MILITARY	18 CPOC IMPLEMENTATION	21 Q&A and Wrap Up
15-16	1 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT OF CPOC	Q&A, Daily Wrap up	Q&A, Daily Wrap up	19 Q & A	Official Closing
16-17	2 CPOC IN THE CONTEXT OF UN PSO			Start of Final Exercise Group Work	
	<i>e-Learning to be completed!</i>	8 CPOC IN THE CONTEXT	7 LEGAL FRAMEWORKS	9 CPOC OF HUMANITARIAN	
	To be prepared for the day	4 CPOC IN EU CRISIS	13 CR GBSV AND CPOC	10 CPOC FOR REFUGEES	
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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 and has been renewed in 2018.

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.

The course is hosted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and will be implemented by the ASPR.

The host will cover the course costs and there is no tuition fee charged to the participants..

Course participants are expected to have a stable internet access with a capacity of min 1,5 Mbit/s to 3 Mbit/s or 3,5 G over mobile networks, a computer/laptop with video and audio and be used to communicate and work with computers.

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.

NB: The course **timings are set in Austrian local time.** Participants are expected to be present online for all scheduled lectures, and depending on their location during the course be prepared to adjust accordingly. This includes also after hours tasks such as preparatory reading and group work assignments.

To apply, please follow the link to the application form on our website (www.aspr.ac.at), fill it and submit it before the set deadline.

Kindly also consult all other information materials for this course on the website.

For additional questions, please contact:

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