

Partners and Trainers – Senior Level Course on Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies

General Background



This course was developed in 2009 on the initiative of the ASPR in cooperation with Austrian MOD and was first called Peacebuilding Course. Over the years, the course was completely reviewed and reshaped to target senior level participants and be more relevant to CSDP missions. It thereby considered a couple of shortfalls in strategic planning for recovery and stabilisation which were identified by the ongoing reviews of the CSDP missions. Addressing to senior participants, the course is focusing more on comparison of policies and planning experiences than upfront lecturing and includes interactive methodologies such as panels and debates as well as case studies.

The following expertise is brought into the course:

1. Austrian Defence Academy



The Austrian Defence Academy being one of the key implementation partners of the MOD for higher level ESDC Courses assists the ASPR with the organisation of this course and contributes to bring several international senior experts to the course.

Ms Sandra Kick has studied Political Science and Journalism in Vienna und Paris and has thereafter from 1995 to 1999 been a staff member "United Nations Association of Austria", as well as editor of "Optic Couture" and "Global View". She joined the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports in 1999 and works at the Austrian National Defence Academy until 2000 and joined the Office of Security Policy from 2001 to 2005. After that she has been organising and managing several high-level training events, such as conferences on "International Security and the Fight against Terrorism" in 2002 and "Mediterranean Security, Stability and Cooperation" in 2003. Since 2004, Sandra has been managing the Austrian Strategic Leadership Courses as the deputy project manager and is in charge of several senior level ESDC courses in Austria and abroad.

2. ASPR



The ACP has since the initiation of the course strived to bring in its expertise regarding the long term perspective of peacebuilding that is needed after a short term intervention such as a peace support operation and accordingly contributed its subject matter expertise in all fields of expertise, focusing more on the HDP Nexus and conflict resolution and development issues, assisting the post-conflict recovery process.

Susanne J. Györög joined the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) in March 2015 to manage the cooperation programme between the ASPR and the Austrian Ministry of Defence. Previously, Susanne worked and lived for 20 years in East Africa (Rwanda and Kenya) where she has been employed with Caritas Austria, the ICRC, UNDP, MONUC and has specialized in Programme Management with a focus on DDR and SSR, Post-Conflict Recovery and Peacebuilding. Building on her practical experience, she engaged in the design and conduct of Training Programmes in her subject matter expertise and worked as a trainer with the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre Canada and the Folke **Bernadotte Academy of Sweden**, the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi, Kenya and many other international partners. Susanne holds a Master's Degree from the University of Zurich and the Teacher Training College Zurich, Switzerland. She brings her long term experience working in post-conflict contexts to the course.

3. International Subject Matter Experts

These experts vary from course to course, depending on their availability or a specific subject focus that we set for the course, eg. SCR 1325 and Women, Peace and Security in 2021, Transitional Justice and Reconciliation for the year 2023.

Experts may for example include:

Sven Biscop, Daniel Fiott or another Senior EU Expert talking about the EU Policies

Walter Kemp or another Senior OSCE Expert explaining the OSCE approach

Cedric de Coning, Charles Petrie or another Senior UN Expert talking about the UN policy

Vanessa Farr as Senior Gender Expert talking about Women Peace and Security and SCR 1325

Thomas Unger or another Senior Expert covering Transitional Justice and Recovery

Melita H. Sunjic speaking about Recovery in view of Refugees and IPDs

...and many more!

