



Four Cases of EU's policies towards Security and Defense, Migration, the Southern and Eastern European Neighborhood

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AIES offers an insight and delivers an overview over the current and forthcoming processes and structures regarding the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and examines the EU's approach towards migration as

well as towards its Southern (MENA Region) as well as Eastern Neighborhood (Eastern Europe).

1. Bloc: Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU (CFSP)

In this bloc of the training, the focus will be on the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) of the European Union. It will entail a short historical overview of this much-debated area and lead to the developments up until today. It will emphasize on the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) - the once called 'sleeping beauty' of the EU - and what can be expected from it. Another topic to be examined will be the EU-NATO relationship and the ongoing quest for European strategic autonomy. A final point of analysis will be the current EU-Presidency of Austria and its engagement in further developing the field of European Security and Defense.

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2. Bloc: The Migration Crisis and EU's approach towards it. Where are we heading?

The presentation in the second block of the training will be focusing on the topic of Migration and how Europe was affected by it. The presentation will try to summarize the main developments of the migration flows since the peak of 2015 till the most recent challenges and point out the most notable disagreements between the Member states and summarize how these led to the current state of the Union and what impact they caused. Further, it will cover the legal changes and Institution changes that were made in order to improve the situation

within the EU as well as the possible solutions presented by Brussels to tackle the flows. Last but not least it will be highlighted what the Austria's EU Presidency could do in order to contribute to the positive development of the crisis.

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3. Bloc: The EU in the Southern Neighborhood (MENA Region)

This bloc offers a critical reflection of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in the Southern Neighbourhood and beyond. The session will take a closer look at the region of the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) and the regional cooperation of the EU within the framework of the ENP. It will provide a critical reflection of the EU's influence itself, by examining the developments of the last 10 years and ongoing events. The focus will be particularly on the ENP and the cases of Iran, Syria, and Libya.

Mag. Dr. phil. David Christopher Jaklin is Senior Research Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy. He obtained his doctorate at the Karl-Franzens-University of Graz in the field of History. His research includes non-state actors, power projections and the MENA Region.

4. Bloc: The EU in the Eastern European neighbourhood

The final bloc deals with the EU's policy towards the Eastern European Neighbourhood. Eastern Europe is one of the regions with a high number of conflicts, overlapping geopolitical interests and competing external strategies. Despite their transformational efforts, all six countries in Eastern Europe demonstrate poor governance structures and weak institutions.

The aim of the session will be to introduce the main instruments and tools of the EU towards the six countries in the Eastern neighbourhood (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and to provide an overview of the Eastern European countries' relations with the EU (*Eastern Partnership Initiative, Association Agreements, Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area* etc.).

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Learning outcomes:

At the end of the training course, participants will be able to identify the main features of the CSDP in the context of the recent developments in that field. Furthermore, they will be able to describe and demonstrate knowledge on the EU's approach towards migration. The participants will also be able to distinguish between and compare two different policy approaches of the EU in regional terms – in the Southern and Eastern European neighborhood. Finally, and most importantly, the participants will be able to evaluate critically the current trends and developments in the field of European foreign and security policy on the basis of the four blocs.

Who should attend:

This seminar is suited for all those who are interested in entry-level basis of knowledge and expertise in the field of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy, Common Security and Defence Policy, the EU's approach toward migration as well as the EU's policy towards the Southern and Eastern Neighborhood. Students of political science, international relations, European affairs, (military) history, (military) sociology, cultural- and social anthropology, and all others interested in the civil-military dimension of the topics. Neither technical knowledge, nor any other prior knowledge is necessary to participate in this training course.

Participants: 10

No Participation fee due to funding that AIES has received.

Breaks and lunch (exclusive drinks) are covered by AIES. No accommodation or flight costs will be covered by AIES.

Course Program:

Time	Agenda
9-10:30	1. Bloc
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:15	2. Bloc
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:30-15:00	3. Bloc
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:45	4. Bloc

Registration deadline: 20th November 2018

Language requirements: The course will be held in English

Contact: For further details about the course and the registration process, please contact AIES (velina.tchakarova@aies.at)