



**NATO
SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**



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TO: See distribution List (**Annex “A”**)

**SUBJECT: NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence (NATO SFA COE)
2026 Training Offer – Update & Reminder**

REFERENCE: a. BI-SC Education and Individual Training Directive (075-007) dated 20 MAR 2025
b. NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence (NATO SFA COE) 2026 Training Offer dated 6 MAY 2025

1. For 2026 the NATO SFA COE in Rome (Italy) will offer different training solutions, both residential and online, which are listed in **Annex “B”**. In particular, all of our training solutions are certified as “NATO Selected”, thus filling NATO performance gaps identified within the Integrated Security Discipline through the Systems Approach to Training process.
2. All the training solutions are detailed in **Annex “B” Appendices** and can be found on the NATO ETOC website (<https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>), while for Partner Nations can be found on the NATO e-PRIME system (<https://e-prime.org/>). E-learning courses are available on the NATO Joint Advanced Distance Learning (JADL) platform (<https://jadr.act.nato.int/>) and on the NATO DEEP ADL Portal (<https://deepportal.hq.nato.int/ilias/>) for Partner Nations and civilians.
3. A specific calling letter per each iteration of every training solution will be published on the NATO SFA COE website (<https://reserved.nsfacoe.org/site/category?id=1>) at least two months prior the beginning of the event. All personnel wishing to attend and meeting requirements, shall submit their application by the given deadline following the procedures specified in the relevant section of the calling letter, which will include administrative details.
4. Per each iteration, the NATO SFA COE Framework Nation (Italy) and Sponsoring Nations are availed priority in the seat allocation process; moreover, priority will also be given to those who are to be deployed on a NATO mission and/or have been assigned to a NATO post.
5. For additional information, please contact the NATO SFA COE Education and Training Branch (training_education@nsfacoe.org).

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ANNEXES:

A. Distribution List

B. NATO SFA COE 2026 Training Offer List and Flyers

DISTRIBUTION LIST

External:

Action:

- List NFS (NATO Force Structure)
- List NETFs (NATO Education and Training Facilities)
- List COEs (NATO Centre of Excellences)
- List PTECs (Partnership Training and Education Centres)
- List NATO SFA COE Sponsoring Nation Representatives
- UNITED NATIONS REGISTRY
- UNITED NATIONS – OFFICE OF RULE OF LAW AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS (OROLSI) – DDR OFFICE
- NATO HQ
- NATO HQ SARAJEVO
- SHAPE PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORATE
- SHAPE REGISTRY (please, pass to all SHAPE NMRs)
- NATO DEFENCE INSTITUTION CAPACITY BUILDING DIRECTORATE (DICB) – Building Integrity
- NATO STRATEGIC DIRECTION SOUTH HUB
- HQ SACT
- HQ SACT MULTI DOMAIN FORCE DEVELOPMENT (MDFD)
- NATO INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTRE (NIFC)
- NATO-UKR JOINT ANALYSIS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION CENTRE (JATEC)
- HQ JFCBS
- HQ JFCNP
- NATO DEEP
- ALLIED SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES COMMAND (SOFCOM)
- ISD RA (SHAPE PD)
- ISD DH
- FINCENT
- FINNISH DEFENCE COMMAND
- FINNISH NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
- FINNISH ARMY COMMAND
- EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (please, pass to all EU members)
- EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE
- EUROCORPS
- EUROPEAN COE FOR CIVILIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT
- SEEBRIG
- DCAF-ISSAT
- GENEVA CENTRE FOR SECURITY POLICY
- GENEVA WATER HUB

UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION
Releasable to the Public

- US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE – MINERVA AF-NU FMT RESEARCH TEAM DELEGATION
- US ARMY 353 REGIMENT - 3rd BATTALION
- US ARMY SFA-B TRADOC CAPABILITY MANAGER (TCM)
- US ARMY V CORPS
- US INSTITUTE OF PEACE
- US ARMY SFASID
- JOINT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SFA (JCISFA)
- HQ USAF/A3TMQ AIR ADVISING AND EXPEDITIONARY READINESS BRANCH
- US SFA-C
- US 3rd SFA BRIGADE
- US 4th SFA BRIGADE
- US 4th SFA BRIGADE – 5th BATTALION
- US 4th SFA BRIGADE - USAREUR-AF LNO
- ITA DEFENCE GENERAL STAFF
- ITA JOINT OPERATIONS HQ
- ITA ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL – SFA SECTION
- ITA ARMY MULTINATIONAL DIVISION SOUTH – SFA
- ITA ARMY POST CONFLICT OPERATIONS STUDY CENTRE
- ITA ARMY FIRES & TARGETING AND INFO OPS CENTER
- CENTRE FOR DEFENSE HIGHER STUDIES (CASD)
- HQ1GNC
- OUTREACH GROUP - UK 77th BRIGADE
- UK ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS BRIGADE
- UK SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE BATTALION
- CENTRE TERRE POUR LE PARTENARIAT MILITAIRE OPÉRATIONNEL
- MULTINATIONAL CIMIC-GROUP (MNCG)
- AFRICAN UNION
- ACADEMIE CANADIENNE DE LA DEFENSE CENTRE D'EXCELLENCE "DALLAIRE" POUR LA PAIX ET LA SÉCURITÉ
- WAR STUDIES UNIVERSITY/ACADEMIC CENTER FOR CYBERSECURITY POLICY
- COLLÈGE DE DÉFENSE DU G5 SAHEL
- YOUTH ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION (YATA)
- HUNGARIAN DEFENCE FORCES – PEACE SUPPORT TRAINING CENTER
- SECURITY AND FREEDOM FOR EUROPE (SAFE)
- NATO-GEORGIAN JOINT TRAINING AND EVALUATION CENTER (JTEC)
- NETHERLANDS DEFENCE ATTACHE' TO ITALY
- POLAND DEFENCE ATTACHE' TO ITALY
- FRANCE JOINT LIASON OFFICER TO ITALIAN GENERAL DEFENCE STAFF (please, pass to French Col)
- COMMANDEMENT DES ACTIONS SPÉCIALES TERRE (CAST)
- HUNGARY JOINT LIASON OFFICER TO ITALIAN GENERAL DEFENCE STAFF (please, pass to Hungarian Col)
- US TRADOC LIASON OFFICER TO ITALIAN GENERAL DEFENCE STAFF (please, pass to US Col)

UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION
Releasable to the Public

- UK JOINT LIASON OFFICER TO ITALIAN GENERAL DEFENCE STAFF (please, pass to UK Col)
- UK DEFENCE ATTACHE' TO ITALY
- EMBASSY OF ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT – BRUSSELS
- “CAROL I” NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
- LUISS “GUIDO CARLI” UNIVERSITY
- LUMSA UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF VERONA
- PALERMO UNIVERSITY
- GLENDON CAMPUS YORK UNIVERSITY
- DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION UNIVERSITY (DSCU)
- AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
- ADYAN FOUNDATION
- MOROCCO INTERFAITH & PEACEBUILDING RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MoD
- NATO MISSION IRAQ HQ
- KOSOVO FORCE (KFOR) HQ
- NATO ADVISORY AND LIAISON TEAM (NALT) KOSOVO
- US 421st COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON
- ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE – International Cooperation Division
- ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE – International Cooperation Unit
- MULTINATIONAL LAND FORCE
- EUROPEAN UNION TRAINING MISSION – SOMALIA (EUTM-S)
- PEACE SUPPORT TRAINING CENTRE (PSTC)
- ARMED FORCES OF MALTA
- INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING AND SECURITY CENTRE
- DEU UNITED NATIONS TRAINING CENTRE

NATO SFA COE 2026 TRAINING OFFER LIST

= UPDATE & REMINDER =

PERIOD	TRAINING EVENT NAME	LOCATION	AVAILABLE SEATS	FEE
Always available	ADL 362 “Introduction to SFA”	SFA COE webpage (NATO JADL Platform* & NATO DEEP ADL Portal**)	Unlimited	No fee
Always available	"Institutional Adviser Course" ADL Component Course	SFA COE webpage (NATO JADL Platform* & NATO DEEP ADL Portal**)	Unlimited	No fee
02 nd – 06 th March	“SFA Operators Course 2026-1”	NATO SFA COE (Cesano di Roma)	30	300.00 €
2 nd Quarter	“Comprehensive Approach in Defence and Security Capacity Building Assistance 2026”	TBD	30	No fee ESDC-SAFE
21 st – 25 th September	“SFA Operators Course 2026-2”	NATO SFA COE (Cesano di Roma)	30	300.00 €
26 th – 30 th October	“Institutional Adviser Course 2026”	NATO SFA COE (Cesano di Roma)	15	400.00 €

* For NATO countries personnel: in order to join the course, a JADL account is required. A NATO-Military, Governmental or NATO official email is required for registration.

** For civilian and Partner countries: in order to join the course, a NATO DEEP ADL Portal account is required.



ADL 362

“INTRODUCTION TO SFA”



ADL 362 “INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE (SFA)”

(ETOC Code: MCP-CM-15557)

AIM

To illustrate how the Security Force Assistance Concept (MCM-0034-2014) has been originated in NATO and how SFA is intended by the reference of NATO publication, the AJP 3.16 - Allied Joint Doctrine for Security Force Assistance.

The course also provides participants of the residential SFA training solutions (e.g. “SFA Operators Course” and “Institutional Advisor Course”) with a general overview, useful to create a common picture which will be further investigated during the residential courses.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Position:

- NATO and its Partners SFA Operators (Advisers, Mentors and Trainers) and planners both military and civilian working in NATO SFA operations.
- Individuals, both military and civilian, working in NATO HQ IS/IMS, NATO Allied Command Operations (HQ SHAPE, Joint Force Commands and Component Commands), NATO Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT), COEs, NATO Force Structure and those who support SFA Operators (supporting staff).
- Personnel in academia, IOs, GOs, NGOs, interagency, intergovernmental.
- Personnel working in S&R/SSR projects and wider development context (incl. possible counterparts from priority regions/countries).

TRAINING STRATEGY

The course has been planned as e-learning solution, available on NATO Joint Advanced Distributed Learning (JADL). A final test as diagnostic assessment.

LOCATION

NATO Joint Advanced Distributed Learning (JADL) portal: <https://jadl.act.nato.int/>

NATO Discipline

MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE SUPPORT (MC2PS)

COURSE CERTIFICATION

NATO SELECTED

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SFA Operators Course

(ETOC Code: MCP-CM-2556 • e-PRIME Code: ACT.923)

AIM

The aim of the course is to improve the competency and effectiveness of SFA operators working in current and future missions of defence and related security capacity-building. The course enhances the practical understanding and application of NATO SFA operators working as part of a comprehensive and integrated approach. Course participants will be able to perform Security Force Assistance by advising, mentoring or training in order to improve the performance of designated actors.

TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Position:
 - NATO and Partner SFA Operators – Advisers, Mentors and Trainers.
 - Military Officers (OF2 through OF5), experienced NCOs (OR6 to OR9) or civilian equivalents working as SFA operators in SFA operations.
 - NATO HQ IS/IMS, NATO Allied Command Operations (HQ SHAPE, Joint Force Commands, and Component Commands), NATO Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT), COEs, NATO Force Structure and Potential Staff members.
 - NATO Partner countries and personnel in academia, IOs, GOs, NGOs, interagency, inter governmental and to personnel working in SSR projects and wider development context (incl. possible counterparts from priority regions/countries).
2. Educational background:

Participants shall be competent experts on their own field.
3. Pre-requisites:

Specified pre-course homework before residential part of the course.

TRAINING STRATEGY

The course has been planned as a blended learning solution. The course is composed of series of modules and based on adult learning principles. Active learning methods are used throughout the course.

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NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence



LOCATION

NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence, Cesano di Roma, Italy

NATO Discipline

MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE SUPPORT (MC2PS)

COURSE CERTIFICATION

NATO SELECTED

ITERATIONS

2 iterations per year (more info on www.nsfacoe.org)

COURSE DURATION

5 days

NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE

30 per iteration

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Not required

COURSE FEE

300.00 €

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Institutional Adviser Course

(ETOC Code: MCP-CM-36713 • e-PRIME Code: ACT.924)

AIM

The course contributes to meeting the need for sustained and standardized professional development of Allied and Partner military and civilian personnel to conduct stability activities. Advanced tenets of institutional advising are integrated into the course education curriculum. Multinational personnel serving as Institutional Advisers will be more capable to provide advice supporting the sustainable development of a counterpart's national security force.

TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Position:
 - Institutional Adviser.
 - Military Officers (OF-3 through OF-5) and civilian equivalent, Senior Warrant Officers (WO-3 through WO-5) working as institutional advisers in SFA operations.
 - NATO HQ IS/IMS, NATO Allied Command Operations (HQ SHAPE, Joint Force Commands, and Component Commands), NATO Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT), COEs, NATO Force Structure and Potential Staff members.
 - NATO Partner countries and personnel in academia, IOs, GOs, NGOs, interagency, intergovernmental and to personnel working in SSR projects and wider development context (incl. possible counterparts from priority regions/countries).
2. Educational background:
 - Participants shall be competent experts on their own field.
3. Pre-requisites:
 - NATO SFA Operators Course or national equivalent or relevant SFA and advising.
 - experience as approved by the education and training facility hosting the Institutional Adviser course.
4. (Rank) Level:
 - Officers OF-3 through OF-6 and civilian equivalents, Senior Warrant Officers WO-3 through WO-5.

TRAINING STRATEGY

The course has been planned as a blended learning solution. The course is composed of a series of modules and is based on adult learning principles. Active learning methods are used throughout the course to include lectures, guided discussions, syndicate work, and role play. Feedback will be collected during the course and delayed feedback will be collected during or after the training attendee conducts their assignment as an institutional adviser.

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LOCATION

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NATO Discipline

MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE SUPPORT (MC2PS)

COURSE CERTIFICATION

NATO SELECTED

ITERATION

1 iteration per year (more info on www.nsfacoe.org)

COURSE DURATION

5 days

NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE

15 per iteration

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Not required

COURSE FEE

400.00 €

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