



**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Update & Reminder dated 31 OCT 2025

1. For the remaining part of 2026 the NATO SFA COE in Rome (Italy) will offer different training solutions, both residential and online, listed in **Annex "B"**. We are glad to inform you that all of our NATO training solutions are now certified as "**NATO Approved**", thus filling NATO performance gaps identified within the Integrated Security Discipline, through the Systems Approach to Training process, as the SFA COE has been endorsed with the NATO Quality Assurance Accreditation.
2. All the training solutions are detailed in **Annex "B" Appendices**. The NATO ones can be found also 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 new NATO Joint Advanced Distance Learning (JADL) platform (<https://jidl.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://www.nsfacoe.org/courses-and-seminars/>) 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 specified procedures in the relevant section of the calling letter, which will include administrative details.
4. Per each iteration, the NATO SFA COE Framework Nation 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](mailto: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
- US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE – MINERVA AF-NU FMT RESEARCH TEAM DELEGATION
- US ARMY 353 REGIMENT - 3rd BATTALION

UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
Releasable to the Public

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> SFA BRIGADE
- US 4<sup>th</sup> SFA BRIGADE
- US 4<sup>th</sup> SFA BRIGADE – 5<sup>th</sup> BATTALION
- US 4<sup>th</sup> 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 77<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 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

UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
Releasable to the Public

- "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)
- NORTHWESTER UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
- 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
- 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**  
**= 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June	"Comprehensive Approach in Defence and Security Capacity Building Assistance 2026"	ROMA	40	No fee ESDC-SAFE
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> September	"SFA Operators Course 2026-2"	NATO SFA COE (Cesano di Roma)	30	300.00 €

\* Access to JADL (<https://jidl.nato.int/>) – NATO's Learning Hub – requires an official military or government email address from NATO or a NATO nation.

\*\* For civilian and Partner countries: in order to join the course, a NATO DEEP ADL Portal account is required ([https://deepportal.hq.nato.int/iliad/login.php?target=&client\\_id=DEEP&cmd=force\\_login&lang=en](https://deepportal.hq.nato.int/iliad/login.php?target=&client_id=DEEP&cmd=force_login&lang=en)).



# 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.nato.int/>

#### NATO Discipline

INTEGRATED SECURITY (ISD)

#### COURSE CERTIFICATION

NATO APPROVED

#### POC

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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, 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:
  - 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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## LOCATION

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

## NATO Discipline

NATO INTEGRATED SECURITY (ISD)

## COURSE CERTIFICATION

NATO APPROVED

## ITERATIONS

2 iterations per year (more info on [www.nsfacoe.org](http://www.nsfacoe.org))

## COURSE DURATION

5 days

## NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE

30 per iteration

## SECURITY CLEARANCE

Not required

## COURSE FEE

300.00 €

## FOC

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**Appendix 3 - ANNEX "B"**

**PILOT Course "A Comprehensive Approach in Defence and Security Capacity Building Assistance"**


**OVERALL AIM**

- to develop expert's capacity in the Security domain, in the context of Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Defence Capacity Building (DCB);
- to give theoretical understanding of fundamentals, skills, technique and tools to advise on Security domain, on Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Defence Capacity Building (DCB) in view to stabilize and democratize Security and defence national security architectures in crisis management areas or in view to re-establish peace and security;
- to uniform the instruments and the behaviour of EU mission operator/expert and to ensure that participants are adequately prepared so that they can operate as part of a comprehensive and integrated approach;
- to improve the Security Sector Reform of the counterpart through an insight into the latest policies, instruments and tools available to fulfill the mandate, with a focus on the mission environment and provide a sense of common EU identity and purpose

**METHODOLOGY**

Lectures, discussions, Q&A

**REGISTER**

Deadline  25 May 2026

Date

23 Jun 2026 - 08:30 to 25 Jun 2026 - 16:30

Venue

Rome, Italy

Providers

Post Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC) (Italy), NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence NATO SFA COE (Intergovernmental Organisations)

Type of course

Specialised Training

Network

ESDC

Civilian Training Area / Military Training Discipline

Military Training Discipline, Civilian Training Area

Civilian Training Area

Security Sector Reform, Political analysis and reporting, The EU Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crises applied to CSDP

Military Training Discipline

Comprehensive approach to Crisis Management in CSDP, Civil Military Cooperation

Regional focus

NA

Training Audience

Civilians, Military, Police

Audience Level

Operational, Political-strategic, Other, Strategic, Tactical

Certification

ESDC Certificate

Languages

English, NA

Participants

40

Fee

NA