



**Invitation to the
European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum course on
EU history and core values**

(Activity No 24-25/300/1)

Lisbon, 24 to 28 March 2025

The Portuguese Colégio Militar, in collaboration with the European Security and Defence College, is honoured to host the EUMSSF course on EU history and core values in Lisbon from 24 to 28 March 2025.

This course, designed specifically for military secondary school students, aims to deepen participants' understanding of the European Union—its history, core values, and guiding principles. Through this training, we seek to foster knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will empower students to promote EU values and contribute to a stronger Europe.

We warmly invite you to join us in this important educational initiative and look forward to the valuable perspectives and insights your students will bring.

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Administrative instructions

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Please note that any minors among the participants must remain under the legal responsibility and adult supervision of personnel from their sending schools for the entire duration of the course.

Target Group: This course is open exclusively to students from schools within the EU Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF). Schools that are EUMSSF members or associated members from third countries are invited to nominate participants.

Accompanying Staff: Ideally, accompanying staff should have previously attended the EUMSSF 'EU for Secondary Schools' course held in June 2023.

Seats and Nominations: For quality purposes, participation is limited to 30 students: five from each of the two Portuguese schools and 20 from other schools. Given that some schools may be unable to send participants, schools are encouraged to nominate up to three students (preferably a mix of female and male), specifying their order of priority. The course requires a minimum of eight international participants to proceed.

Applications: All applications must be submitted exclusively through Forms (<https://forms.office.com/e/YUUt0mQRjg>) by 27 January 2025.

Language: English.

Attendance: Full attendance is mandatory throughout the course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to participants who complete all sessions and the mandatory e-learning modules. The course will take place at Colégio Militar in Lisbon.

E-Learning: The course includes a mandatory e-learning module starting on 5 February 2025, available on the ESDC e-learning platform ILIAS, to be completed by 5 March 2025.

Costs:

- *Students*: All travel expenses are the responsibility of the sending authorities.
- *Accompanying Staff (Teachers)*: Travel, accommodation, and catering costs (excluding lunch) are to be covered by the sending authorities.

Dress Code:

- *Accompanying Staff (Teachers)*: Jacket and tie or service uniform.
- *Students*: Service uniform.

Liabilities and Insurance: Sending institutions must ensure that students and teachers have civil liability insurance valid throughout the course in Portugal. The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.

Confirmation: The course format and whether it will take place (contingent upon reaching the minimum participant number) will be confirmed by 30 January 2025. Please refrain from booking flights or accommodation until confirmation is received.

Registration: Registration is provisional until confirmed by the course director or the school.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME - EU HISTORY AND CORE VALUES

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Monday 24/3/2025	Tuesday 25/3/2025	Wednesday 26/3/2025	Thursday 27/3/2025	Friday 28/3/2025
Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC
09.00-09.15 Registration	09.00-09.50 Lecture	09.00-09.50 Lecture	09.00-09.50 Lecture	09.00-09.30 Recap of the week
09.15-09.40 Introduction to the course and Opening remarks	10.10- 10.50 Coffee break	10.10- 10.50 Coffee break	10.10- 10.50 Coffee break	09.30-10.30 <i>Tour de table</i> among participants
09.40-10.00 Coffee break	11.00-11.50 Lecture	11.00-11.50 Lecture	11.00-11.50 Lecture	
10.00-11.30 Presentation of participants (<i>tour de table</i>)	12.10-13.00 Lecture	12.10-13.00 Lecture	12.10-13.00 Lecture	10.30-11.00 Coffee break
Break	Break	Break	Break	11.00-12.00 Closing remarks Certificates
11.45-12.45 Opening Lecture				
13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break
14.30-15.20 Lecture	14.30-15.20 Lecture	14.30-15.20 Lecture	14.30-15.20 Lecture	14.00-14.30 17th EUMSSF meeting (Just for teachers) [TBD]
15.30-17.00 Coffee break and school tour	15.30-16.20 Lecture	15.30-16.20 Lecture	15.30-16.20 Lecture	
	16.30-19.30 School activities (TBD)	Lisbon tour & Informal dinner	16.30-19.30 School activities (TBD)	