

## Cultural Heritage Protection Course

### Save the Date

The University for Continuing Education Krems in cooperation with the **Centre for International Stabilisation Measures, Verification and Arms Control, Austrian Ministry of Defence** and the **Office of Cultural Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein**, invite you to save the date for the 2026 ***Cultural Heritage Protection Course*** to be held under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College. The course is scheduled to be held in person at the premises of the University for Continuing Education, Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems, Austria **from 21 to 25 September 2026**.

Since 2003, the European Union has played a crucial role in crisis management through its Common Security and Defence Policy. With about 30 missions and operations worldwide, the EU has proved its readiness to respond effectively and in a timely fashion to emerging challenges.

Effective crisis management requires a combination of adequate capabilities and well-trained personnel. One of the key tasks of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is therefore to contribute to human resources development and build a pool of knowledgeable crisis managers. The ESDC provides basic to advanced courses, ranging from orientation to specialised civil-military training, specifically designed to promote a comprehensive approach and to contribute to the establishment of a European security culture.

The ***Cultural Heritage Protection Course*** aims to raise awareness of the need to protect cultural property and heritage in the EU's sphere of activity and of the scope of activities and efforts in the different fields of cultural property protection. Additionally, the course establishes the basis for an integrated and holistic approach to the protection of cultural property in crisis events, based on good practices. During the course, participants will identify and analyse challenges for the protection of cultural property and be provided with tools to address these challenges. Participants (civilian, military and police) will also be invited to create a network of people working in the field of cultural property protection.



Do save the date for the course which is an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the field of ***Cultural Heritage Protection*** and to contribute to the further development of a European security culture, as well as to cooperation between EU and non-EU partners **and pre-register at the Center for Cultural Property Protection Krems via e-mail: [zkgs@donau-uni.ac.at](mailto:zkgs@donau-uni.ac.at)**