



## Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (PoC) Course

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## COURSE PROGRAMME



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## Day 0 - E-Learning Module

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working methods
2 hours	An Introduction to the Protection of Civilians (PoC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain why PoC has become a priority for UN-led peacekeeping missions</li> <li>*Describe the main objectives of PoC</li> <li>*Demonstrate an understanding of the spectrum of different UN peace and security activities and the legal framework</li> <li>*Discuss the basic principles of UN-led peacekeeping missions</li> <li>*Describe the most important legal documents and the obligations contained therein related to PoC</li> <li>*Be familiar with the mission-specific implementing documents and explain their purpose</li> <li>*Understand the different protection concepts related to various PoC actors</li> <li>*Understand the roles of different protection actors</li> <li>*Explain the implementation concepts of PoC within the UN, EU and NATO</li> </ul>	Self-paced obligatory e-learning Final examination
2 hours	Gender and the UNSCR 1325 Women, Peace and Security Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain why gender mainstreaming is important for the success of missions and operations</li> <li>*Describe the main objectives of the UNSCR 1325</li> <li>*Describe the most important legal documents and the obligations contained therein related to gender, equality and non-discrimination</li> <li>*Enumerate the mission-specific implementation of documents and explain their purpose</li> </ul>	Self-paced obligatory e-learning Final examination
2 hours	CSDP Crisis Management Structures and the Chain of Command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain the structure of EU's crisis management</li> <li>*Analyse the composition of the various bodies</li> <li>*Define the differences between the member states bodies and the EU bodies involved</li> <li>*Describe the differences between the civilian and military chain of command</li> </ul>	Self-paced obligatory e-learning Final examination
2 hours	Decision-making and planning for CSDP Missions and Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Describe the legal and political framework for CSDP missions and operations.</li> <li>*Identify the main actors involved in decision-making and planning, and their main roles</li> <li>*Describe the decision-making process and its phases</li> <li>*Enumerate the main documents to establish, launch and terminate or refocus CSDP missions and operations</li> </ul>	Self-paced obligatory e-learning Final examination

Day 1, October 2nd

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working methods
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival of Participants		
9:00 – 9:40	Introduction to the Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*To understand the main objectives of the training</li> <li>*To learn about POTC and ESDC</li> </ul>	Presentation
9.40 – 9.50	Short Break		
9:50 – 11.40	Introduction to the Concept of Comprehensive Protection of Civilians (CPoC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain the importance of CPoC</li> <li>*Know the key concepts of CPoC/CRSV/CP in UN peacekeeping</li> <li>*Describe the CPoC guiding principles</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion Group Work
11.40 – 12.00	Short Break		
12.00 – 13.30	Challenges and Good Practices of CPoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*To understand which CPoC approaches work in the field</li> </ul>	Case Studies Discussion
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break		
14.30 – 16.00	Implications of Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) for Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Understand how the Protection of Civilians (PoC), Child Protection in armed conflict (CP), and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) considerations impact the decision-making process</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion

Day 2, October 3rd

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working Methods
9.00 – 10.30	Vulnerable Groups in Conflict	*Understand how the Protection of Civilians (PoC), Child Protection in armed conflict (CP), and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) considerations impact the work on the ground	Presentation Discussion
10.30 – 10.45	Short Break		
10.45 – 12.00	United Nations Approach to CPoC in Peace Operations: Documents for Tactical Planning and Mission PoC Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Know how to translate conceptual and legal frameworks into appropriate action at the tactical level</li> <li>*Explain how PoC considerations impact the planning at the operational and tactical level</li> <li>*Identify key DPO (Department of Peace Operations) documents that provide guidance for tactical planning</li> <li>*Identify key aspects in a threat assessment for PoC planning</li> <li>*Use the decision-making process at tactical level, issuing their own OORDER</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch Break		
13.00 – 14.15	United Nations Approach to CPoC in Peace Operations: Guidelines for UN Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain the protection role of United Nations Police PoC</li> <li>*Identify UNPOL activities in the three Tiers and each of the four operational phases</li> <li>*Illustrate the integrated approach in PoC</li> <li>*Explain the mechanism of cooperation in case of PoC operations along with the civilian and military components</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion
14.15 – 14.30	Short Break		
14.30 – 15.30	United Nations Approach to CPoC in Peace Operations: Use of Force by UNPOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Explain circumstances when force can be used in Protection of Civilians</li> <li>*Define the principles of use force and the concept of precaution</li> <li>*Explain the impact that the use and misuse of force may have on the Mission</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion
15.30 – 15.45	Short Break		
15.45 – 17.00	United Nations Approach to CPoC in Peace Operations: Tactical decision-making process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Define a problem</li> <li>*Illustrate planning methodology</li> <li>*Show how to generate alternatives</li> <li>*Use the decision-making process at tactical level, issuing their own OORDER</li> </ul>	Presentation Discussion

Day 3, October 4th

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working Methods
09.00 – 10.30	European Union Approach to CPoC	*To know how CPoC is addressed in EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions	Presentation Discussion
10.30 – 10.45	Short Break		
10.45 – 12.15	NATO Approach to CPoC	*To know how CPoC is addressed in NATO missions and operations	Presentation Discussion
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch Break		
13.15 – 14.45	International Legal Framework on CPoC	*Identify the key components of international law governing the UN's mandated tasks in peacekeeping *Understand the relevance of the core legal concepts and norms *Understand what the legal framework enables/obliges peacekeepers to do and what it prevents peacekeepers from doing	Presentation Discussion
14.45 – 15.00	Short Break		
15.00 – 16.30	International Legal Framework on CPoC - Practice and Workshop	*Know how to translate the legal framework of CPoC into practice via interactive workshop	Group Work Discussion

Day 4, October 5th

Time	Topic	Objectives
9.00 – 10.30	Introduction to Tabletop Simulation – Carana Exercise Q&A	*Reinforce the knowledge acquired during the delivery of the CPOC conceptual, legal and operational modules *Use the knowledge gained to solve a scenario based on real-life events encountered in UN peacekeeping missions *Incorporate CPOC considerations into unit/individuals' existing decision-making planning methods
10.30 – 10.45	Short Break	
10.45 – 11.45	Tabletop Simulation – Carana Exercise	
11.45 – 12.45	Lunch Break	
12.45 – 14.15	Tabletop Simulation – Carana Exercise	
14.15 – 14.30	Short Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Tabletop Simulation – Carana Exercise	

Day 5, October 6th

Time	Topic	Objectives
9.00 – 10.30	Tabletop Simulation (Carana Exercise) – Presentation of Results	*To present the outcomes of the Tabletop Simulation
10.30 – 11.00	Short Break	
11.00 – 11.30	CPoC Training Evaluation	*To gain feedback on the usefulness and reception of addressed topics
11.30 – 12.15	Official Closing Ceremony	*To officially close out the training *Certificate ceremony with special guest
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 –	Departures	