



Protection of Civilians (PoC) Training

21 – 25 October 2024
Mengeš, Slovenia

COURSE PROGRAMME

From 23 September, E-learning phase

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

Day 1, October 21

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"> *To understand the main objectives of the training *To learn about POTC and ESDC *To welcome the participants *To address the logistics and organisation of the training 	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"> *To explain the importance of CPoC *To know the key concepts of CPoC/CRSV/CP in UN peacekeeping *To describe the CPoC guiding principles 	Presentation Discussion Group Work
11.40 – 12.00	Short Break		
12.00 – 13.30	International Legal Framework on CPoC - Practice and Workshop	*To know how to translate the legal framework of CPoC into practice via interactive workshop	Group Work Discussion
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch break		
14.30 – 16.00	International Legal Framework on CPoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To identify the key components of international law governing the UN's mandated tasks in peacekeeping *To understand the relevance of the core legal concepts and norms *To understand what the legal framework enables/obliges peacekeepers to do and what it prevents peacekeepers from doing 	Presentation Discussion

Day 2, October 22

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working Methods
9.00 – 10.30	Vulnerable Groups in Conflict	*To understand how PoC considerations impact the work on the ground, particularly in regard to populations in cities, displaced populations, the elderly and the disabled.	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"> *To know how to translate conceptual and legal frameworks into appropriate action at the tactical level *To explain how PoC considerations impact the planning at the operational and tactical level *To identify key DPO (Department of Peace Operations) documents that provide guidance for tactical planning *To identify key aspects in a threat assessment for PoC planning 	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"> *To explain the protection role of United Nations Police PoC *To identify UNPOL activities in the three Tiers and each of the four operational phases *To Illustrate the integrated approach in PoC *To explain the mechanism of cooperation in case of PoC operations along with the civilian and military components 	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"> *To explain circumstances when force can be used in Protection of Civilians *To define the principles of use force and the concept of precaution *To explain the impact that the use and misuse of force may have on the Mission 	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"> *To define a problem *To illustrate planning methodology *To show how to generate alternatives *To use the decision-making process at tactical level, issuing their own OPORDER 	Presentation Discussion

Day 3, October 23

Time	Topic	Objectives	Working Methods
09.00 – 10.30	European Union Approach to CPoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To understand PoC as an integrated and cross-cutting element of EU policy and action * To know how CPoC is addressed in EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and its instruments * To explain how CPoC is addressed and operationalised in EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions 	Presentation Discussion
10.30 – 10.45	Short Break		
10.45 – 12.15	Community-based Protection (CBP)	*To understand how a CBP approach can improve civilian protection from harm by others as well as help that own behaviour stays compliant with applicable norms	Presentation Discussion
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch break		
13.15 – 14.45	Challenges and Good Practices of CPoC	*To understand which CPoC approaches work in the field	Case Studies Discussion
14.45 – 15.00	Short Break		
15.00 – 16.30	Implications of Conflict-Related Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) for Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping	*To 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	Presentation Discussion

Day 4, October 24

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 25

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 the training *To award certificates
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch Break	
13.15 –	Departures	