

FOUNDATIONS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN CIVILIAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT

3 & 4 December 2025

Jable Castle, Slovenia

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Introduction

Within the complex and multicultural environment of international civilian crisis management and peace support missions, effective project management is essential for translating strategic objectives into concrete, measurable results on the ground.

Projects in CSDP missions often take the form of capacity-building programmes, local partnership initiatives, training schemes, or community security projects. Yet, many deployed experts are not professional project managers. They must learn to define clear objectives, navigate diverse institutional frameworks, coordinate with multiple stakeholders, and adapt to rapidly changing conditions on the ground.

This course on the foundations of project management in civilian crisis management addresses the need by equipping soon-to-be-deployed professionals with a practical project management mindset, rather than a rigid theoretical and methodological approach. It introduces participants to the core principles, tools, and habits that enable successful project initiation, planning, and delivery in dynamic operational settings. By grounding learning in realistic mission scenarios and emphasising collaboration across functional silos, the training enhances participants' ability to manage limited resources, anticipate risks, and communicate effectively within mission structures and the broader multicultural environment to which they professionally belong.

The overall goal of the training is to equip participants with the foundational understanding and practical skills needed to effectively initiate, plan, and manage projects within the complex environment of EU missions, even if they are not professional project managers.

Ultimately, the course contributes to strengthening the effectiveness, accountability, and sustainability of EU civilian crisis management operations—key priorities under the EU Civilian CSDP Compact and the Strategic Compass.

The Target Group

Police officers and other civilian experts designated for deployment to the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and other international peace support missions who need to manage projects or project-like tasks as part of their duties.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Modules/Subject Areas

The training is divided into **three modules**:

1. Online Primer (self-learning module)
2. The Project Mindset & Definition (day 1)
3. From Plan to Action (day 2)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, the participants will be able to:

1. Explain the core principles, lifecycle and language of a project.
2. Illustrate the interconnections between their specific role and other mission functions (administration, finance, logistics and leadership structures).
3. Develop a basic, practical plan for a project, relevant to their mission role.
4. Communicate and report project requirements, progress and risks more effectively with mission leadership and support staff.
5. Identify common pitfalls faced by police experts in project environments and strategies to avoid them.
6. Apply problem-solving and decision-making skills to project challenges.

Logistical Information

Training date: 3 & 4 December 2025

Training location: Jable Castle, Mengeš, Slovenia

The training course is organised free of charge for the selected participants. Travel expenses, as well as board and accommodation, are covered by the training organisers.

The training venue is located approximately 10 km from Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital city.

A detailed course agenda will be shared with the selected participants before the course.

Implementing EUTI Partner

The training is organised by the Centre for European Perspective ([CEP](#)) under the auspices of the European Union Training Initiative ([EUTI](#)).

Application

Applications for the Foundations of Project Management in Civilian Crisis Management Missions are open until **9 November 2025**.

Interested applicants can register through an online application form, accessible [HERE](#).

Additional Information

For more information about the training, please get in touch with the training organisers, Mr Urban Jakša (urban.jaksa@cep.si) or Ms Ana Smrekar (ana.smrekar@cep.si).