

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Higher Education Course in "International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups: A Training Course for Officers Working on Human Rights"

In partnership with the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee

Art. 1 Start up

The DIRPOLIS Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the 2nd edition of the Higher Education Course in "International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups: A Training Course for Officers Working on Human Rights", pursuant to art. 3 of the Charter.

The course is organised in collaboration with the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee within the framework of the European Union Police and Civilian Services Training (EUPCST) programme. EUPCST is an initiative funded by the European Commission (90%) and co-funded by its implementing partners.

The course will be held online by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies from the 15th November 2021 to the 22nd November 2021, for a total of 25 hours.

The official language of the Course is English.

Art. 2 ECTS

The Course does not envisage the acknowledgement of European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Art. 3 Educational Objectives

The overall objective of the course is to provide participants with the specific competences and skills they will need to fulfil their tasks as members of missions with a human rights component. After an introduction to human rights law standards and mechanisms, the course offers guidance on how to monitor, fact-find and report human rights and an overview of human rights capacity building activities. The training aims at providing both theoretical and practical knowledge of human rights related aspects.

Art. 4 Recipients

The Course is intended for the following main recipients: police officers, gendarmes and civilians who are to be deployed in, or have strong prospects to be deployed in international missions (e.g. UN, EU, OSCE), with functions related to the promotion and protection of human rights.

Art. 5

Course Structure

The course will focus on 7 main subject areas divided into three main training modules.

The first will be devoted to the knowledge of human rights standards and mechanisms. The subjects covered are as follows:

1. International Human Rights Law and other branches of International Law developed for the protection of individual and collective rights
2. Policies, mechanisms and tools for the protection of HR in the field
3. The European Union's institutions and human rights policies

The second one will deal with human rights monitoring in the broad sense, both at the general and specific level and will also include a reporting component. The following subjects will be included:

4. Monitoring
5. Fact finding
6. Reporting

The third module will be devoted to capacity-building in general, thus including the following subject:

7. Capacity-building.

Each day is composed of about 4 hours of online lessons plus breaks.

Art. 6 Admission requirements

The course is open to police officers, gendarmes and civilians who will be deployed in international missions (e.g. UN, EU, OSCE), with functions related to the promotion and protection of human rights. Candidates already deployed and serving in an international mission are not eligible.

Ideally, the target group should include individuals already possessing some field experience and/or having worked on human rights issues in the respective countries of origin.

Maximum number of participants: 25.

Up to 20% of the available slots in the course are reserved to qualified participants from non-EU member States.

Members of police forces must have been pre-authorized to participate at the course before applying by their respective chain of command.

The above requirements are to be met at the closing date to submit applications.

The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna may decide to exclude a candidate, at any time, with a motivated decision, if the prescribed requirements have not been met.

Art. 7 Admission application

Each EUPCST consortium member is invited to identify no more than 2 suitable participants and ensure that they fill out the online application form.

Invitations to apply will also be extended to selected non-EUPCST countries.

Self-standing applications from civilian personnel are also accepted.

Applicants must, by and no later than 20 October 2021 submit the application exclusively online, and ensure that the data requested are entered at the following address: Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna → Advanced Education → Educational Offer → International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups: A Training Course for Officers Working on Human Rights.

The following documentation, in electronic format, is to be attached to the application, under penalty of non-eligibility for the Course:

- a currently valid identity document;
- registration form duly filled-in, downloaded from the website (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna → Advanced Education → Educational Offer → International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups: A Training Course for Officers Working on Human Rights).

Applications received after the deadline or submitted in a form other than the form indicated in this article, for whatever reason, will not be considered.

Falsification of documents and fraudulent statements are punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and the special applicable laws, Art. 75 and Art. 76 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000.

The Institution may monitor the truthfulness of the statements provided and the documents submitted at any time during the procedure, even after the Course has started, and request the original documents to be submitted. In the case of false statements the Institution may decide, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure, based on a motivated decision issued by the Rector, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

Art. 8 Selection of candidates

Candidates will be selected, first of all, among those nominated by EUPCST consortium members ensuring adequate geographic representation and gender balance.

The remaining places will be allocated through a selection based upon applicants' professional background, experience, prospective mission deployment. Geographic and gender balance, will be also ensured in the final shortlist of participants recommended for admission to the course.

In case of equally qualified applicants, priority for attendance will be given to the younger candidate.

The selection is made by a special Committee appointed by a decision issued by the Rector, on the basis of the professional and educational qualifications presented and the information entered in the online application form.

The decision on which applications are accepted remains solely with the organisers.

The Committee selects the candidates on the basis of the following parameters:

a) Educational Qualification.....	20/100
b) Relevant educational and professional experience	35/100
c) Knowledge of foreign languages (excluding English)	5/100
d) Motivation	40/100
TOTAL 100/100	

Persons who achieved an overall assessment equal to or greater than 60 are shortlisted to the Course.

A Decision issued by the Rector duly approves the selection documents, as well as the merit ranking and the successful candidates are announced at the end of the selection, subject to the condition of verifying the requirements and the educational qualifications stated, as indicated in art. 6 of this call for applications.

The educational qualifications gained at an Italian University or University Institute or gained at a foreign University or University Institute of equal standing are assessed by the selection Committee that reserves the right to request possible supplementary documents/information.

The merit ranking will be published on the Institution's website (www.santannapisa.it) and notified by e-mail exclusively to the persons who will be admitted to the Course.

Art. 9
Enrolment fees

Attendance of the course is free of charge.

Art. 10
Acceptance procedure

Successful candidates who wish to attend the Course are required to confirm their attendance within the deadline and in accordance with the procedures indicated in the admission notice, under penalty of exclusion.

Art. 11
Educational Qualification issued

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies will issue a certificate of attendance with value to the extent permitted by law, to the students who attended at least 80% of the lessons.

Art. 12
**Person responsible for the competitive entrance examination procedure,
personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures**

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Elena Cambi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Maffi 27, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/882645 - fax 050/882633 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it.

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), represented by the Rector, as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, and on his behalf, Giovanna Bottai, giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it. Please read the privacy statement available <https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione-info>.

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012).