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INTRODUCTION
COMMANDANT TRAINING CENTRE SWISSINT

As commandant of the Training Centre Swiss International Command (TC SWISSINT) I am in charge of the pre-deployment training for all Swiss military personnel sent abroad in the context of Peace Support Operations (PSO). Together with my staff we are committed to providing high quality courses that meet both national and international standards. Throughout the year we offer a number of national and international courses specially designed to prepare individuals and contingents for deployment to crisis areas. Our priority is to assist our course participants to develop a safety and security-first attitude in all aspects of their work in whatever new and challenging environments they may encounter.

Dependent on the type of course, our programmes follow the training guidelines of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO); NATO Training Group TEPSO (Training and Education in Peace Support Operations) or ENTRi (Europe’s New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management).

We strive towards developing closer relations with partner nations and other countries and we warmly invite applicants from all over the world to participate in our open courses. This brochure offers an overview of our activities and of our facilities. We hope that you will find it of interest and that we are able to welcome you soon in Stans-Oberdorf.

Colonel (GS) Hubert Bittel
Commandant Training Centre SWISSINT
INFRASTRUCTURE

1 Accommodation & cafeteria
2 Twin-bedded room with TV / Internet
3 Course building
4 Gym
5 Cafeteria
6 E-Learning room
7 Class room
8 Lecture hall
**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL COURSES**

**Target audience / level**
Each course is designed for military personnel (OR4 to OF4), police officers, personnel of GOs and NGOs and other civilians, who wish to develop key skills and competencies for future field deployment.

**Language requirements**
Participants must have the following standards of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001): 3332

- Listening (professional / 3)
- Reading (professional / 3)
- Speaking (professional / 3)
- Writing (functional / 2)

No translation will be provided.

**Restrictions**
International courses are open to NATO / PfP, MD, ICI and Contact States. Course participation is limited to 24; usually a maximum of 2 slots are allocated per nation.

**Meals**
The food centre is able to cook on a vegetarian basis. It is, however, unable to offer other diets such as gluten-free or vegan food.

**Film material**
On the SWISSINT website peace-support.ch you will find films on the following training courses:

- SUNMOC (Swiss UN Military Observer Course)
- KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT (liaison and observer team)
SUNMOC – SWISS UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVER COURSE

Course 1
SUNMOC

This course is UNDPKO certified International

As conflicts grow increasingly complex, the mandates of the various UN missions are also becoming broader and more complex. The UN no longer merely monitors an armistice; collaboration and cooperation with civilian aid organisations is instrumental in rebuilding national structures and promoting democracy. UN military experts on mission (UNMEM) are unarmed, must be strictly impartial and serve in multi-national teams. They are specially trained officers deployed in their different national uniforms, but all wearing and working under the flag and mandate of the United Nations. The Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course SUNMOC prepares students over a 23 days period for future deployment as UNMEM. During this tailor-made course participants are educated and trained by an experienced and specialised team of national and international instructors.

The course content is comprehensive and varied. Core operational topics are delivered through classroom-based lessons and consolidated by practical exercises. Important background information is explained through briefings, for instance the roles of UN (mandated) Forces / UN Police / International Organisations (IO’s) / Governmental Organisations (GO’s) and Non-governmental Organisations (NGO’s). Team building and inter-cultural awareness and sensitivity are key aspects of the programme. The course concludes with a 7-day practical final exercise run under the umbrella of 4PCE: students operate their own team bases within a simulated post-war environment and are working, living and cooperating together in multi-national teams.

On successful completion of the course you will
» Be familiar with the organisation, structure, and role of the UN in relation to peacekeeping operations.
» Be familiar with the roles and functions of UN Forces, agencies and partners in the field.
» Be competent to perform duties demanded by the role of a UN Military Expert on Mission.
» Be able to recognise and competently and safely deal with various personal security challenges.
» Be able to effectively and competently communicate in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
» Be competent to interact appropriately with the media in all situations.
The Integrated Training Service (ITS) of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and Department of Field Support (DFS), in conjunction with the Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT, is to conduct a United Nations Training of Trainers Staff Officers’ Course for troop contributing countries at the Training Centre SWISSINT. The objective of the course is to strengthen the capacity of member states by educating selected staff officers throughout this comprehensive course in order to train military personnel deploying to peacekeeping operations. After an initial induction phase and general introduction to the training material, participants will conduct an integrated staff exercise and function within the framework of a UN peacekeeping operation.

Upon invitation only, participants will be selected by the DPKO’s Integrated Training Service. For further enquiry on this training activity please facilitate through your accredited permanent mission to the United Nations.

On successful completion of the course you will

» Be able to contribute efficiently to implementing military aspects of UN peacekeeping mandates in accordance with DPKO/DFS principles and guidelines.

» Be competent to perform within your military function in an effective, professional and integrated manner.

» Be able to demonstrate the core values and competencies of the United Nations.

» Be familiar in setting the scene for a United Nations Staff Officers Training in accordance with the provided training material.
KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING

The SWISSCOY / LOT training course prepares participants for deployment on peace support operations with the KFOR SWISSCOY in Kosovo or the EUFOR LOT in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The course, which complies with both national training regulations as well as pre-deployment requirements of Switzerland’s international military partners, is structured in a one to four week preparatory course, five weeks of basic training in peace support, and a final two to three week technical instruction period.

The course teaches the skills needed for the participants to fulfil their tasks in various missions. The physically challenging training consolidates the participants’ military knowledge and is aimed at meeting the requirements of peace support operations. Information is provided about the historical background, geographic and cultural peculiarities of the country of assignment and put into practice in exercises during the course. This provides the course participants with the skills to correctly assess and thus minimise risks in their country of deployment.

On successful completion of the course you will
» Qualify for SWISSCOY or LOT deployments of at least six months.
» Have completed driving training for at least Cat 920 (according to assignment).
» Have completed small arms basic training (according to assignment).
» Be in possession of the Basic Life Support I certificate.

This course is only open to Swiss citizens.
ICPSO – INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Within the context of the Partnership for Peace programme (PfP), TC SWIS-SINT presents the Introductory Course to Peace Support Operations (ICPSO).

You will be introduced to essential tools and learn crucial skills during a 10 day period to prepare you for the challenges of international field deployment. Our expert training team will guide you through this comprehensive and challenging course. They will coach and assist you to hone key skills to be able to successfully tackle difficult situations in uncertain environments.

On successful completion of the course you will
» Be effective in assessing and recognising safety and security threats and challenges.
» Be confident and competent to make critical and appropriate decisions in stressful situations.
» Be able to effectively and competently negotiate and communicate in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
» Be knowledgeable about key aspects of UN, NATO and EU in PSO.
» Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and carrying out emergency life support.
HEAT – HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING

Course 5
HEAT

This course is
ENTRI certified

International

TC SWISSINT presents a pre-deployment course specifically designed for civilian representatives of international governmental and non-governmental aid and development organisations. For those intended for deployment in a humanitarian, peace-building or peace support role this is a training event not to be missed.

The HEAT covers the most important basic safety and security issues during a 5-day intensive programme. Our expert training team will be on hand to coach and assist you to increase your knowledge and hone key skills so to be able to successfully tackle difficult situations in uncertain environments.

On successful completion of the course you will
» Be effective in assessing and recognising safety and security threats and challenges (incl. mine awareness and personal security issues).
» Be proficient in map-reading (using the globally known UTM-System), navigating and the use of radio and GPS.
» Have experienced difficult all-terrain driving and been shown how to change a wheel, use a car-winch for self-rescue and learnt how to carry out daily vehicle check.
» Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and carrying out emergency life support.
BST – BASIC SECURITY TRAINING REFRESHER COURSE

This course is run as a refresher training event.

The BST boasts up to five days of varied but complimentary security and safety related topics to prepare you for the challenges of international field deployment.

On successful completion of the course you will

» Be effective in assessing and recognising safety and security threats and challenges.
» Be confident and competent to make critical and appropriate decisions in stressful situations.
» Be able to effectively and competently negotiate and communicate in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
» Be proficient in map-reading, navigating and the use of radio and GPS.
» Have experienced all-terrain driving and been shown how to change tyres as well as using a car-winch.
» Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and carrying out emergency life support.

This course is only open to Swiss citizens.
BWT – BASIC WEAPONS TRAINING

The BWT course prepares participants on weapons handling for their deployment in peace support operations within KFOR SWISSCOY in Kosovo or EUFOR LOT in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The course complies with both the current national guidelines and international military partners requirements.

The aim of BWT is to acquire and improve the technical skills needed for handling irritant spray (RSG 2000), guns, and/or assault rifles and includes the ROE (Rules of Engagement) valid for the respective area of operation.

The course can be attended as individual session or as supplementary week to: the two-week Introductory Course to Peace Support Operations (ICPSO) or the one-week Basic Security Training (BST) event.

On successful completion of the course you will
» Be familiar with mission specific ROE.
» Be able to correctly use your personal weapons and/or irritant spray according to the situation and in compliance with the ROE.

This course is open to Swiss citizens who have completed basic military training.
After successfully completing the deployment preparation course for military observers (SUNMOC = Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course), Swiss officers are trained in a special driving course for civilian categories C1 / D1.

The two-week driving course for the categories C1 / D1 includes both theoretical and practical education.

Prior to the course, participants must study the topics on their own. During the course, they will be trained by civilian driving instructors and tested by military experts.

**On successful completion of the course you will**
- Have acquired the basic knowledge needed by a driver in the relevant category.
- Be able to drive the vehicle safely in traffic, in the field, in manoeuvres and under all conditions.
- Pass the theoretical and practical driving test for categories C1 / D1.
- Be familiar with armoured vehicles (introduction to armoured vehicles of the Mercedes G-class).

This course is only open to Swiss citizens.
Within the context of the Partnership for Peace programme PfP, the Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT presents the Military Medical Personnel Course for the Balkans area. This training of trainers course is run as a stand-alone module for Military Medical Personnel in the Balkans area and the Balkan Medical Task Force. During a 5 days period you will be trained by a specialized military medical team to prepare you for the challenges of international deployment.

The aim of this tailor made course is

» To conduct the Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) provider course and thus to extend any instructors qualification by four years.
» To refresh knowledge with regards to Basic Life Support 1 contents.
» To prepare participants to be able to develop training manuals and lessons at both beginner and advanced levels.
» To conduct further education / advanced training in invasive emergency techniques.

This course is conducted in Skopje (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and admission is upon invitation only.
HOST NATION SUPPORT TO GENEVA CENTRES FLAGSHIP COURSES

TC SWISSINT offers its expertise to the Geneva Centres. As such the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GSCP) Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course is hosted and conducted in association with TC SWISSINT as well as the Swiss Peace Foundation (swisspeace).

The GCSP offers a two-week professional training course on peacebuilding on behalf of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) for members of the Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peacebuilding (SEP) and selected international participants.

Additionally the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Non-Technical Survey Training (NTS) is delivered within the training facilities of TC SWISSINT.

Non-Technical Surveys (NTS) are essential for determining how to allocate limited resources in the land release process. Therefore, it is not only important that these surveys be of a high quality, but also that more effort be placed into training and equipping NTS teams, coaching their command structures and verifying and analysing survey information. Strong communication between the teams conducting the surveys and the staff responsible for analysis and information management is also essential.

Admission and place allocation to either the GCSP or GICHD course remain with the Geneva Centres respectively.
COURSE DATES

The course guide with the dates for 2020 will be published on our homepage in summer 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

SUNMOC
14 June to 5 July 2019

UNSOC ToT
11 February to 22 February 2019

ICPSO
6 May to 17 May 2019

HEAT
20 May to 24 May 2019
11 November to 15 November 2019

NATIONAL

SUNMOC
3 June to 5 July 2019

ICPSO
21 October to 1 November 2019

BST
21 January to 25 January 2019
29 April to 3 May 2019
22 July to 26 July 2019
14 October to 18 October 2019

BWT
28 January to 1 February 2019
8 April to 12 April 2019
7 October to 11 October 2019

KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT
January to April 2019
July to October 2019
4-PCE

The training centres of the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Austria, in close collaboration, cooperate under the quadrilateral framework of 4-PCE / Fo(u)r Peace Central Europe in the interest of developing close relations in the field of Peace Support Operations (PSO). As such, the purpose of 4-PCE is to promote the national PSO capabilities, to identify synergies and facilitate practicable cooperation. Furthermore it aims at intensifying the cooperation between the four centres and provides a basis for investigating new initiatives for cooperative efforts in the fields of policy, capabilities, education, training and deployments.

Since 2008, 4-PCE also conducts the exercise ‘Blue Flag’. This exercise takes place in the area southeast of the Lake of Constance. The specially designed training scenario is situated along real national borders and uses a common ‘background story’ of the fictitious land of Centland. The aim of the exercise is to simulate a peace mission and allow the prospective UNMEM’s (United Nations Military Experts on Mission) to apply their knowledge, practice their skills and demonstrate their abilities.

Participants are coached, assessed and evaluated by experienced instructors from the four participating training centres. The Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Switzerland work closely together to ensure that the future UN Military Experts on Mission are fit for deployment.
PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE (PFP)

Switzerland has been participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme since 1996. PfP is a political initiative that is jointly realized by the 29 NATO member states and 22 partner states. Cooperation within PfP is aimed at enhancing trust and transparency in sensitive areas relating to security and defence policy. The objective of the partnership is to promote the security policy dialogue in the Euro-Atlantic area and to enhance peace, democracy and security in Europe through substantial cooperation. For Switzerland the Partnership for Peace programme is an instrument for cooperation with NATO and other partner states selectively and according to its own security policy interests. Cooperation is always voluntary and is determined by the partner itself.

Through PfP the Swiss International Command Training Centre became an accredited member of the Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTEC) as per 2010. The PTECs are nationally or multi-nationally sponsored education and training institutions that are united under a single concept that is endorsed by the North Atlantic Council and recognized by NATO. As such TC SWISSINT offers courses, seminars, and workshops to both military and civilian personnel in order to provide education, training and instruction in diverse areas consistent with the objectives and priorities of NATO’s policy on partnerships. PTECs also provide a platform for operational training by offering both classroom and field venues for exercises. The PTEC community has grown to 32 members from countries in NATO, Partnership for Peace (PfP), the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI).
CERTIFICATIONS

The United Nations award certification only to training providers which fully reach the exacting standards set by the UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO). TC SWISSINT was first recognised with this award for the Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course (SUNMOC) in 2008 and has retained this status to date.

Partnership for Peace (PfP) is a programme of practical bilateral cooperation between individual Euro-Atlantic partner countries and NATO. TC SWISSINT is a recognised Partnership for Peace (PfP) official training provider.

TC SWISSINT was first awarded the C3MC label in 2014 being the only training provider in Switzerland officially certified by Europe’s New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRi). ENTRi's main focus lies on the preparation and training of civilians working in international crisis management missions worldwide.
WELFARE

As a host nation we would like to give our international participants the opportunity to enjoy working and learning in our beautiful country. Stans-Oberdorf is ideally located between the well-known ski resort of Engelberg and the historic city of Lucerne. Both are accessible by public transport and are no more than a 30 minute drive away.

Whether you are interested in outdoor activities or sightseeing and shopping, we are more than capable to offer both. Although TC SWISSINT does not organise welfare activities for every course, we do encourage visiting our sights and trying the Swiss cuisine.

Going out together not only offers cultural insights but adds to a friendly course atmosphere.
HOW TO FIND THE TRAINING CENTRE SWISSINT

Drive to Stans-Oberdorf via the A2, E35 motorway. After leaving the motorway, at the ‘Stans Süd’ (south) exit, please follow the yellow SWISSINT signs.
HOW TO APPLY & CONTACT

For further information on our courses, you are welcome to contact us. We will be happy to help you if you have any questions. We look forward to your application, the registration form is available online. **Registration deadline: not later than 5 weeks prior to course begin.** Allocation will be on a “first come – first serve” basis.

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