



# Fact Sheet

## PfP Winter Mountain Training Course



Within the context of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme, the Training Command – Mountain Center of Competence in Andermatt offers a PfP Winter Mountain Training Course in the Swiss Alps.

<b>Winter Mountain Training Course (WMTC) – DM CHE.2834.11</b>			
<b>Duration</b>	10 days	<b>Next Course</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> to the 14 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020
<b>Arrival Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY until Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020</li> </ul>		
<b>Departure Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY until Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020</li> </ul>		
<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement and survival in mountainous areas under difficult winter conditions</li> <li>Leading and guiding in difficult terrain</li> <li>Avalanche risks and rescue measures</li> <li>Avalanche risk assessment (different methods)</li> </ul>		
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good physical condition</li> <li>Capable of performing outdoor activities in lower air pressure</li> <li>Positive mental feelings in the mountains</li> <li>Competent skiing technique (backcountry)</li> <li>Basic avalanche knowledge</li> </ul>		
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Participants should be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>move and survive in mountainous areas under difficult winter conditions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation, assessment, tactics</li> <li>improvised rescue</li> </ul> </li> <li>Recognize and evaluate avalanche risks</li> <li>Initiate and take avalanche rescue measures</li> <li>Plan and conduct mountain tours</li> <li>Fulfil missions in exercises in difficult terrain</li> </ul>		

<b>General information</b>	
<b>Participation</b>	<p>Courses are open to NATO/PfP, MD, ICI and Contact States. Participants need to be active duty officers or NCO's. No retired or civilian personnel will be accepted.</p> <p>On the first day of the course there is going to be an evaluation of everyone's skills. Depending on the levels needed there will be a division in different performance groups (basic and advanced)</p>

<b>Dress Code</b>	All course activities will be in uniform. Participants have to bring their own appropriate clothing (you need to bring your ski boots). However, unavailable clothing, equipment and technical material will be provided.
<b>Costs, accommodation and meals</b>	All courses are free of charge, which includes the accommodation and meals on site at the barracks in Andermatt or in alpine huts, from arrival to departure. Please state special meal requirements on the application form.
<b>Travel</b>	Travel arrangements are at the participants responsibility. Nearest airport is Zurich-Kloten (ZRH). Travel costs are to be covered by the sending Nation. A shuttle from / to the airport will be organized for you.
<b>Insurance</b>	Without prejudice to other applicable bi- or multilateral treaty regulations between Switzerland and the sending State (e.g. PfP SOFA, training agreement etc.), all health-care costs generated by sickness or accident including related financial consequences (transportation, invalidity) must be covered by the sending state. Registration is only possible if the sending state guarantees with signature and stamp of the competent authority to fully cover such expenses generated in or outside Switzerland. Please bring the original file with you for check-in in Andermatt.
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The following link provides further information on this course: [www.armee.ch/gebirgsdienst](http://www.armee.ch/gebirgsdienst)

For further questions don't hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to your application. Please return the application form not later than the 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019.