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INTRODUCTION COMMANDANT TRAINING CENTRE SWISSINT



As the 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 in crisis areas. Our priority is to assist our course participants in developing a "safety and security-first" attitude in all aspects of their work for the new and challenging environments they may encounter.

Dependent on the type of course, our programs follow the training guidelines of the United Nations Department for Peace Operations (UNDPO); NATO Training Group TEPSCO (Training and Education in Peace Support Operations) or the directives of the European Security and Defence College Curriculum (ESDC).

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

Colonel Robert Tischhauser
Commandant Training Centre SWISSINT

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1 Accommodation & cafeteria
- 2 Twin-bedded room with TV/Internet
- 3 Course building
- 4 Gym
- 5 Camp
- 6 Exercise village
- 7 Class room
- 8 Lecture hall



MISSION & TASK

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL COURSES

The Mission

The mission of the Training Centre SWISSINT is to educate and train military and civilian personnel who want to engage in peace support operations.

The Task

The task is to prepare each course participant for deployment on a professional, ethical and moral level.

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)

This equates to the English Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), a definition of different language levels written by the Council of Europe. Interested participants should consider themselves confident English speakers.

No translation will be provided.

Restrictions

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

Meals

The dining facility is able to accommodate a vegetarian diet. However, the kitchen is unable to accommodate diets such as gluten-free or prepare vegan food.

Video material

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

- » SUNMOC (Swiss UN Military Observer Course)
- » KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT (Liaison and Observation Team)



SUNMOC – SWISS UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVER COURSE

Course 1 SUNMOC

This course is UNDPO 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 (UNMEN) are unarmed, must be strictly impartial and serve in multi-national teams. They are specially trained officers deployed in their 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 UNMEN. During this tailor-made course participants are educated and trained by an experienced specialist 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 exercise, run under the umbrella of 4PCE (Fo[u]r Peace Central Europe), in which students cooperate in multinational teams and operate their own base within a simulated post-war environment while working and living together.

On successful completion of the course, participants 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 UNMEN.
- » Be able to recognise and deal competently and safely with various personal security challenges.
- » Be able to communicate effectively and competently in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
- » Be competent to interact appropriately with the media in all situations.



KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

Course 2 KFOR SWISSCOY/ EUFOR LOT	The SWISSCOY / LOT training course prepares participants for deployment to peace support operations with the KFOR SWISSCOY in Kosovo or the EUFOR LOT in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The course complies with both Swiss national training regulations and the pre-deployment requirements of international military partners. The duration of the training consists of a one to four week preparatory course, five weeks of basic peace support training, and a final two to three week technical instruction period.
National	

The event encourages participants and assists in developing key skills to enable you to successfully, safely and confidently fulfil your mandated tasks in peace support operations. You will be provided with background information about the history, geography and cultural specifications about the country of assignment. Later some of these details and information will be integrated into practical exercises to simulate, as much as is possible, the conditions the participants may face in mission. This way participants can practice and strengthen skills in highly realistic scenarios, while remaining in a safe environment. The priority remains, however, your safety and security both in training and during the deployment.

In addition, participants will:

- » Complete driving training for at least Cat 920 (according to assignment).
- » Undertake small arms basic training (according to assignment).
- » Achieve certification in Basic Life Support I.

On successful completion of all the training components of the course, participants will qualify for deployment with SWISSCOY or EUFOR LOT for a duration of at least six months.

This course is only available to Swiss citizens.



SUNSOC – SWISS UNITED NATIONS STAFF OFFICER COURSE

Course 3 SUNSOC

This course is
UNDPO
certified

National (as
part of the
SUNMOC)

The Swiss United Nations Staff Officer Course (SUNSOC) prepares the participants for future deployments as UN Military Staff Officers. This training is in line with the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO) training standards and ensures a common military approach to work at force and sector levels in UN peacekeeping missions. It targets all military personnel selected by member states to be deployed as military staff officers in UN peacekeeping operations. Military staff officers are required to have at least completed their national basic military staff course prior to this course. Over a period of two weeks, this course covers all key aspects of peacekeeping operations.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Be confident in applying the Military Planning Process (MPP) in a UN force headquarters, sector headquarters or similar, under normal operating conditions in accordance with the UN Specialised Training Materials (UNSTM).
- » Be familiar with the concept of the integrated approach and competent to cooperate and liaise between military, civilian organisations and other mission actors including (formed) police units and elements within the mission area of responsibility.
- » Be able to implement all essential military planning tools in order to contribute to a holistic mission approach.
- » Be capable to contribute efficiently towards the implementation of the military aspects of UN peacekeeping mandates in accordance with DPO/ 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 UN.
- » Be able to identify all requirements within the planning and decision making process for military operations focused on the protection of civilians.
- » Have gained knowledge and developed skills to support the goals of the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse as well as sexual violence, the prevention of conflicts, the building of rule of law, the promotion of human rights, the empowerment of women and the delivery of field support.
- » Know, understand and be confident to promote the key issues of child protection and of women, peace and security.



ICPSO – INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Course 4 ICPSO

International and national

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

Participants will be introduced to essential tools and learn crucial skills during a ten-day period to prepare 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 tackle difficult situations in uncertain environments successfully.

On successful completion of the course, participants 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 and challenging situations.
- » Be able to negotiate and communicate effectively and competently in various situations using appropriate strategies and techniques.
- » Be knowledgeable about key aspects of the UN, NATO and EU in PSO.
- » Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and emergency life support.

Course 5 PSOR

National

PSOR – PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS REFRESHER

The PSOR course is primarily designed to ensure and re-evaluate that personnel who have previously completed the ICPSO are up-to-date with skills and knowledge. On successful completion of the course, the participants will be recertified for deployment in their designated functions.



HEAT – HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING

Course 6 HEAT

This course is conducted in accordance with the directives of the European Security and Defence College Curriculum

International

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

On successful completion of the course, participants 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 experience in difficult all-terrain driving, have been shown how to change a wheel, use a car-winch for self-rescue and learnt how to carry out a daily vehicle check.
- » Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and emergency life support.



BWT – BASIC WEAPONS TRAINING

Course 7 BWT

National

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 Rules of Engagement (ROE) 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, participants will:

- » Be familiar with mission specific ROE.
- » Be able to use correctly your personal weapons and / or irritant spray according to the situation and in compliance with the ROE.

This course is available to Swiss citizens who have completed basic military training.



DRIVING TRAINING FOR CATEGORIES C1 / D1

Course 8

Driving Training C1/D1

National

After successfully completing the deployment preparation course for military observers, Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course (SUNMOC), selected Swiss officers are trained in a special driving course for civilian categories C1 / D1.

The two-week driving course for categories C1 / D1 includes both theoretical and practical education. Prior to the course, participants must study the topics on their own. During the course, participants will be trained by civilian driving instructors and tested by military experts.

On successful completion of the course, participants 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 available to Swiss citizens.



TCCC/TC3 – TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE PROVIDER COURSE

Course 9 TCCC/TC3

International and national

Within the context of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme, the Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT introduces a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Provider Course (TCCC).

This five-day training is intended to build up the essential skillset necessary for participating to effectively provide care to wounded personnel in combat situations. Through classroom lectures and practical work, participants will be trained and coached to perform essential life-saving medical procedures.

During the course the participants basic medical skills will be refreshed. Our training centre's team of experts and specialised trainers will guide the participants through this comprehensive and challenging course and prepare the participants to operate in difficult and potentially life-threatening situations in unstable environments.

In accordance with the TCCC guidelines provided by the United States Department of Defense Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CoTCCC), participants will learn essential skills and knowledge focused on the most important elements when conducting TCCC related activities.

On successful completion of the course, participants will:

- » Have a comprehensive understanding of the current TCCC guidelines and the various phases of TCCC.
- » Be effective in implementing and executing a basic management plan for care under fire (Phase 1).
- » Be confident and competent to plan, arrange and provide tactical field care (Phase 2).
- » Be able to effectively and competently plan, execute and conduct tactical evacuation care (Phase 3).
- » Be confident in applying first aid measures above the combat threshold in accordance with TCCC principles (Phase 4).



MMPC – MILITARY MEDICAL PERSONNEL COURSE IN THE BALKANS AREA

Course 10 MMPC

International

Within the context of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme, the Swiss Armed Forces International Command (SWISSINT) presents the Military Medical Personnel Course (MMPC) for the Balkans area. This Training of Trainers (ToT) course is run as a stand-alone module for military medical personnel in the Balkans area and the Balkan medical task force. During a five day period, participants will be trained by a specialised military medical team to prepare them for the challenges of international deployment.

The aim of this tailor-made course is to:

- » Conduct a Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Training of Trainers (ToT) course and in turn extend any currently certified instructors' qualification by four years.
- » To refresh knowledge and skills with regards to Basic Life Support 1.
- » To prepare participants to be able to develop training manuals and lessons from beginner to advanced levels.
- » To provide further education / advanced training in invasive emergency techniques.

This course is conducted in Skopje (North Macedonia). Admission is upon invitation only.

As of 2021, participants of the ToT MMPC can also sign up for the stand-alone TCCC Course, which takes place in Skopje the week prior.
(See Course 9 on page 17 for more details).



HOST NATION SUPPORT TO GENEVA CENTRES FLAGSHIP COURSES

Course 11 GSCP & GICHD Host Nation Support	<p>The TC SWISSINT lends its expertise to the Geneva Centres. The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GSCP) Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course is hosted and conducted in association with the TC SWISSINT as well as the Swiss Peace Foundation (swisspeace).</p>
International	<p>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.</p> <p>Additionally, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) Non-Technical Survey Training (NTS) is delivered within the training facilities of TC SWISSINT.</p> <p>Non-Technical Surveys (NTS) are essential for determining how to allocate limited resources in the land-release process. It is important that these surveys are of high quality and the necessary emphasis is put into training and equipping NTS teams, coaching their command structures as well as 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.</p> <p>Admission and place allocation to either the GCSP or GICHD course remains with the Geneva Centres.</p>

COURSE DATES

<p>The course guide with for 2024 will be published on our homepage in the summer of 2023.</p>	INTERNATIONAL	NATIONAL
	SUNMOC 08 June to 30 June 2023	SUNMOC 01 or 02 June to 07 July 2023
	ICPSO 16 October to 27 October 2023	KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT January to April 2023 July to October 2023
	SUNSOC Per request (2 week course)	ICPSO 24 April to 05 May 2023 16 October to 27 October 2023
	HEAT 22 May to 26 May 2023	PSOR 09 January to 11 January 2023 11 April to 13 April 2023 10 July to 12 July 2023 09 October to 11 October 2023
	TCCC/TC3 20 November to 24 November 2023	BWT 17 April to 21 April 2023 02 October to 06 October 2023
	United Nations Host Nation Support Per request by the UN	Driving Training (C1 / D1) 16 January to 27 January 2023 10 July to 21 July 2023 18 September to 29 September 2023 13 November to 24 November 2023
		TCCC/T3 13 November to 16 November 2023



4-PCE



The training centres of the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Austria cooperate closely 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 operational 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 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 United Nations Military Experts on Mission (UNMEM) 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 UNMEM are fit for deployment.



PARTNERSHIP TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRES (PTEC)



Switzerland has been participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme since 1996. PfP is a political initiative that is jointly realised by the 30 NATO member states and 20 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 PfP 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.

In 2010, the Swiss International Command Training Centre (TC SWISSINT) became an accredited member of the Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTEC). 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, the 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 34 members from countries in NATO, PfP, the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI).



UNITED NATIONS TRAINING LOCATION IN SWITZERLAND

Since 2015, the UN has made wide-ranging efforts to reform aspects of its peace-keeping missions and has introduced comprehensive measures to improve operational standards and levels of training. Switzerland has supported these efforts from the outset.

On 20 November 2019, the Federal Council approved an agreement between Switzerland and the UN on cooperation in the context of training for international peace support. This agreement provided the legal framework closer cooperation, and in 2019, led to a successful UN peacekeeping pilot course for staff officers at the TC SWISSINT.

In 2022, host nation support was provided to a variety of training courses such as the UN Weapons and Ammunition Management (UNMAS), the Triangular Partnership Programme (UN TPP) as well as various workshops.

One area where there is potential to improve quality is in the training of persons deployed on UN peacekeeping missions. Targeted measures should be used to ensure that individuals deployed by countries providing military personnel are better prepared for their duties. The UN plans to run these training courses jointly with countries that support the UN and can provide the required infrastructure.

By providing support and cooperation, the Swiss Armed Forces gain direct access to the UN's expertise and to the content of the latest training programmes. This means the Swiss Armed Forces can keep its own courses up-to-date and benefit from the experience of UN specialists. These successful trainings demonstrate a clear benefit for the UN, Switzerland and the Swiss Armed Forces.



CERTIFICATIONS



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



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



The TC SWISSINT is the sole provider of a Hostile Environments Awareness Training (HEAT) course conducted in accordance with the directives of the European Security and Defence College Curriculum in Switzerland. Its main focus is on the preparation and training of civilians working in international crisis management missions worldwide.



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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 minutes drive away.

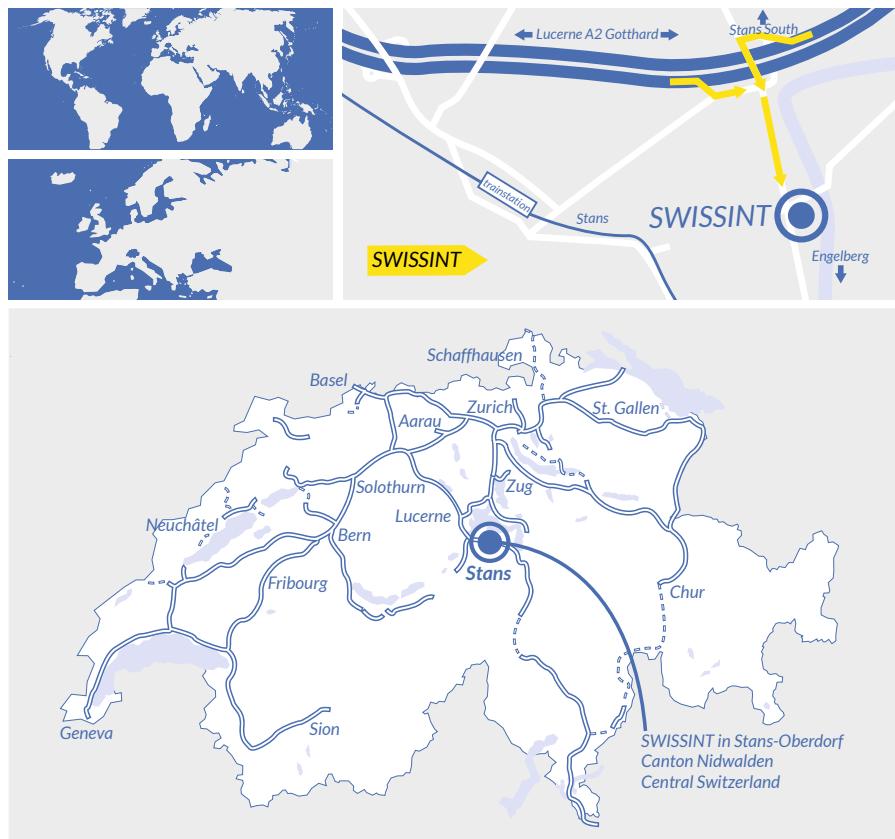
Whether you are interested in outdoor activities or sightseeing and shopping, we are more than capable to offer both. Although the TC SWISSINT does not organise welfare activities for every course, we do encourage visiting our sights and trying the Swiss cuisine.

Going out together not only offers cultural insights, it also adds to a friendly course atmosphere.

- 1 Barracks
- 2 Course building
- 3 Utility building
- 4 Arsenal
- 5 Camp SWISSINT
- 6 Cmd SWISSINT
- 7 Accommodation and cafeteria



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 INFORMATION

Interested participants are welcome to contact us for further information about our courses.

The registration form is available online. Registration deadline: not later than 5 weeks prior to course begin. Allocation is on a “first come – first serve” basis.

We look forward to your application.

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