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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 in developing 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 programs follow the training guidelines of the United Nations Department for Peace Operations (UNDPO); NATO Training Group TEPSO (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 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 will be able to welcome you soon in Stans-Oberdorf.

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 all those 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. In everyday speech, this level might be called "confident", as in "I am a confident English speaker".

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 dining facility 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 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 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 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 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 multinational 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 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 PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING

Course 2 KFOR SWISSCOY/ EUFOR LOT	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 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 and assists you to develop 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 peculiarities of 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 you may face in mission. This way you can practice and strengthen your skills in highly realistic scenarios but in a safe environment. The priority remains, however, your safety and security both in training and once deployed.

In addition you 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 you will qualify for deployment with SWISSCOY or EUFOR LOT for a duration of at least six months.

This course is only open 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 a future deployment as a UN Military Staff Officer. This training is in line with the United Nations Department of Peace Operations 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 Officer 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 you 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.
- » 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 whole of 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 United Nations.
- » 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.

This course is only open to Swiss citizens.



ICPSO – INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Course 4 ICPSO

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

International and national

You will be introduced to essential tools and learn crucial skills during a ten 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 tackle successfully 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 negotiate effectively and competently 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.

Course 5 PSOR

PSOR – PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS REFRESHER

The PSOR course is primarily designed to ensure and confirm that personnel who have previously completed the ICPSO are up-to-date with skills and knowledge. On successful completion of the course you will be recertified for deployment in your particular function.



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

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 five-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 be able to tackle successfully 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 a daily vehicle check.
- » Be capable of applying basic first aid techniques and carrying out 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 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 use correctly 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.



DRIVING TRAINING FOR CATEGORIES C1 / D1

Course 8

Driving Training C1/D1

National

After successfully completing the deployment preparation course for military observers (SUNMOC = Swiss United Nations Military Observer Course), selected 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.



TCCC/TC3 – TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE PROVIDER COURSE

Course 9 TCCC/TC3

International and national

Within the context of the Partnership for Peace programme (PfP), 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 you to effectively provide care to wounded personnel in combat situations. Through classroom lectures and practical work you will be trained and coached to perform essential life-saving tasks and medical procedures. During the course your elementary medical skills will be refreshed. Our training centre's team of experts and specialised trainers will guide you through this comprehensive and challenging course and prepare you 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) you will learn essential skills and knowledge focused on the most important elements when conducting TCCC related activities.

On successful completion of the course you 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 programme (PfP), the Swiss Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT presents the Military Medical Personnel Course 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 days period you will be trained by a specialised military medical team to prepare you for the challenges of international deployment.

The aim of this tailor-made course is

- » To conduct a Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Train the Trainer (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) and admission is upon invitation only.

Since 2021 participants of the ToT MMPC can additionally sign up for a stand-alone TCCC Course also taking place in Skopje the previous week (Check Course 9 prescription).



HOST NATION SUPPORT TO GENEVA CENTRES FLAGSHIP COURSES

Course 11

GSCP & GICHD

Host Nation

Support

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).

International

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. It is important that these surveys be of a high quality and necessarily increased 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.

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 2023 will be published on our homepage in summer 2022.	INTERNATIONAL SUNMOC 16 June to 8 July 2022 ICPSO 17 October to 28 October 2022 SUNSOC On demand (2 weeks) HEAT 30 May to 03 June 2022 TCCC/TC3 21 November to 25 November 2022 United Nations Host Nation Support On demand by UN	NATIONAL SUNMOC 13 June to 15 July 2022 KFOR SWISSCOY / EUFOR LOT January to April 2022 July to October 2022 ICPSO 25 April to 06 May 2022 17 October to 28 October 2022 PSOR 10 January to 12 January 2022 11 April to 13 April 2022 11 July to 13 July 2022 10 October to 12 October 2022 BWT 04 April to 08 April 2022 03 October to 07 October 2022 Driving Training (C1 / D1) 17 January to 28 January 2022 18 July to 29 July 2022 19 September to 30 September 2022 14 November to 25 November 2022 TCCC/T3 14 November to 18 November 2022
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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 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 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 33 members from countries in NATO, Partnership for Peace (PfP), the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI).



UNITED NATIONS TRAINING LOCATION IN SWITZERLAND

At its meeting on 20 November 2019, the Federal Council approved an agreement between Switzerland and the UN on training cooperation in the context of international peace support. The agreement provides a legal framework for closer longer-term cooperation between Switzerland and the UN in the training sector. Since 2015, the UN has made wide-ranging efforts to reform aspects of its peacekeeping missions and has introduced comprehensive measures to improve operational standards and levels of training. Switzerland has supported these efforts from the outset.

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 those deployed by countries providing military personnel are better prepared for their duties. In specific terms, the UN plans to run these training courses jointly with countries that support the UN and can provide the required infrastructure.

The venue chosen for these training events has been the Swiss Armed Forces International Command as its training centre meets all the UN requirements in full and can be employed as a training location.

By providing their support and cooperation, the Swiss Armed Forces in return gain direct access to the UN's expertise and to the content of the latest training programmes. This means they can keep their own courses up-to-date and benefit from the experience of UN specialists. A pilot course for staff officers on UN peacekeeping missions from various countries was successfully held at the SWISSINT Training Centre in Stans in February 2019, giving a clear signal that holding further courses at this location will benefit both the UN and Switzerland and the Swiss Armed Forces.



CERTIFICATIONS



The United Nations award certification only to training providers which fully reach the exacting standards set by the UN Department for Peace Operations (UNDPO). 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.



The TC SWISSINT is the sole provider, in Switzerland, of a Hostile Environments Awareness Training (HEAT) course conducted in accordance with the directives of the European Security and Defence College Curriculum. Its 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.

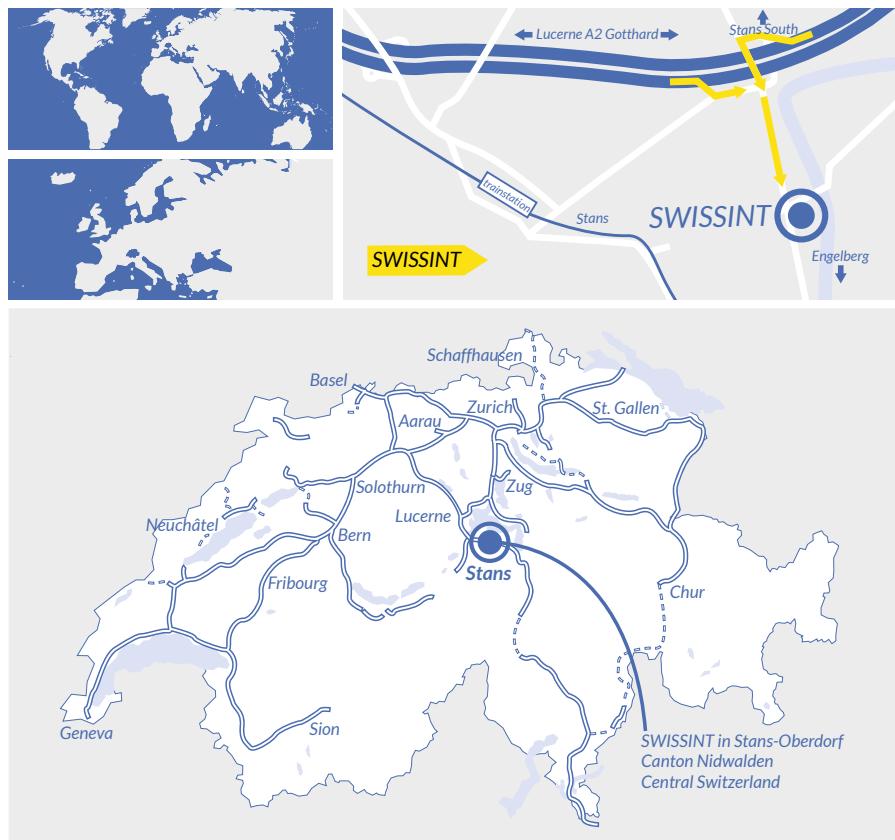
Whether you are interested in outdoor activities or sightseeing and shopping, we are more than capable to offer both. Although TC SWISSINT does not organise welfare activities for every course, we do encourage visiting our sights and trying the Swiss cuisine.

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

- 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

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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