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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2633

of 23 November 2026

amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472 on a European Union Diplomatic Academy

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 21 May 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472 ([1]), on a European Union Diplomatic Academy (EUDA).

(2) Pursuant to Article 13 of Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472, the Council is to review that Decision by 31 December 2026. To that end, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') is to present, on the basis of an independent and external evaluation, a report on the EUDA and on the performance of the College of Europe in implementing the education and training activities of the EUDA (the 'report').

(3) On 6 October 2026, the High Representative submitted the report to the Council. The report contains a number of recommendations for improving the operation of the EUDA.

(4) Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 6 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 6*

The Head of the EUDA

1. The Head of the EUDA (the "Head") shall:

(a) be responsible for the overall management of the EUDA;

(b) be responsible for overseeing the EUDA's engagement with the network of national diplomatic academies and with the training directors of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States;

(c) be responsible for ensuring the overall coordination of the EUDA and consistency with the priorities of the Union's CFSP under the responsibility of the High Representative, in particular for the implementation of Article 10;

(d) ensure the regular production of evaluation reports concerning the training programme and its components and submit those reports to the Steering Committee;

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1472 of 21 May 2024 on a European Union Diplomatic Academy (OJ L, 2024/1472, 22.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1472/oj).

(e) advise and support the work of the Steering Committee, and inform the Steering Committee of all other relevant activities regarding the training programme;

(f) inform the Steering Committee of the budget proposal for the EUDA and of the implementation of the budget; and

(g) work in close consultation with the Commission and maintain regular contacts with the relevant authorities in the other Union institutions and bodies and in the Member States.

2. The Head shall be the staff member occupying the post of "Head of Division" of the division responsible for Learning and Development within the EEAS.';

(2) the following article is inserted:

'*Article 6a*

The Director of the EUDA

1. The Director of the EUDA (the "Director") shall be responsible for:

(a) designing and presenting the draft training programme to the Steering Committee for its approval;

(b) implementing the education and training activities of the training programme, including the design of the courses, the monitoring of the programme, and the mentoring and coaching of EUDA participants;

(c) systematically reporting all EUDA education and training activities to the Head and to the Steering Committee; and

(d) representing the EUDA in matters concerning its training programme, including cooperation with the stakeholders referred to in Articles 9 and 10.

2. The Director shall be employed by the College of Europe following an open, transparent and competitive selection process, which shall be conducted through the publication of a vacancy notice calling for candidates corresponding to a determined profile, after obtaining consent from the High Representative.';

(3) in Article 7, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. The training programme shall define the responsibilities of the College of Europe staff in charge of the programme's execution.';

(4) Article 9 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 9*

Cooperation with Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, and with diplomatic academies in Member States

The EUDA shall closely cooperate with the Commission and establish close links with other Union institutions, with relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, in particular the European Union Institute for Security Studies and the European Security and Defence College, and with diplomatic academies in Member States.';

(5) Article 10 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 10*

Cooperation with international organisations and third countries

The EUDA shall cooperate with and draw on the expertise of international organisations and other relevant actors, such as education and training institutes and diplomatic academies in third countries.';

(6) Article 12 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, point (c) is replaced by the following:

'(c) select participants from among the candidates proposed by the Member States, by the Union institutions and by other Union bodies involved in external relations.';

(b) the following paragraph is added:

'4. On the basis of an assessment by the EEAS, the Steering Committee may decide to nominate participants for the EUDA, on a case-by-case basis and following requests from other Union bodies involved in external relations.';

(7) Article 13 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 13*

Review

1. The Council shall review this Decision by 31 December 2026. To that end, the High Representative shall present, on the basis of an independent and external evaluation, a report on the EUDA and on the performance of the College of Europe in implementing the education and training activities of the EUDA, by 31 August 2026.

2. At the request of the Head, in consultation with the Steering Committee, an independent and external evaluation shall assess the EUDA and the performance of the grant beneficiary referred to in Article 5 by the end of the second year of implementation of the education and training activities referred to in Article 3.'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 23 November 2026.

For the Council

The President

M. HEYDON