



# EDA Advanced Search Advisor

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Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) currently represent the main threat to participating Member States' Forces deployed in crisis management operations.

More European soldiers are killed on current operations by IEDs than by all other means combined. Military Search provides the Commander at Battle-group level and below with an excellent Counter-IED (CIED) offensive technique to combat this threat and to seize and maintain the initiative from the adversary, not only in protection of friendly forces, but also in disrupting adversary activities and as a result saving lives. This capability is required by Member States in current operations facing an asymmetric threat, for example in Afghanistan.

As part of a five year plan, in 2009 the European Defence Agency organised an Intermediate "Train the Trainer and International Search Advisors" course. The course was a great success and imparted the necessary skills and knowledge that Member States need to conduct "Search" in an environment where there is an inherent risk of IEDs, but no specific threat against that mission. The next step is for the EDA to conduct "Advanced Search Advisor Training". This will teach the skills and knowledge required for students to advise staff and to plan and command multiple Search-team operations where there is a requirement for a high level of assurance or where it is considered highly likely that IEDs are present. The training of the teams themselves remains an issue for individual Member States.







Students on the course will be provided with as complete a capability package as can be given internationally. This consists of addressing the appropriate:

- Doctrine: by presenting given draft concepts, taught procedures;
- Organisation: by having national structures suggested to them and draft justification documents;
- Materiel: addressed by the equipment demonstration;
- Leadership: by both introducing the relevant governance standards and by demonstrating their capabilities to their own senior officers;
- Personnel: requirements and background will be discussed;
- Facilities: requirements will be discussed;
- Interoperability: will be promoted by attendance of the course;
- Training: naturally the major part of the course. Students receive all the training required to make themselves fully aware of the procedures, but they will also receive all the course design documents and lesson plans.

The overall concept is to provide a full capability package to allow the individual national representatives to return home and develop their own national capability.



**LOCATION:** CIED Centre of Excellence at Italy's National Military Engineering School.

How to register: if you are interested in the course, please contact either LTC Roberto De Angelis and Maj. Emilio Cutolo (casezadd@scgenio.esercito.difesa.it) or Jim Blackburn (jim.blackburn@eda.europa.eu).

Updated information about the conference will be posted on the EDA website: [www.eda.europa.eu](http://www.eda.europa.eu).