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Climate Change & Security – Advanced Course, Sabaudia, Italy, 07.09. – 11.09.2026, Building Climate-Security Decision-Support Competence for Complex Operational Environments

Module	Mon 07.09. Interpret	Tue 08.09. Analyse	Wed 09.09. Anticipate	Thu 10.09. Decide	Fri 11.09. Adapt (until max. 15:00)
M0 08:30-09:00	● Course Orientation & Partner Introduction	● Review & Integration	● Review & Integration	● Review & Integration	● Review & Integration
M1 09:00-09:50	● Understanding Climate-Security Risks	● Climate-Change & Security Related Dependencies	● Climate-Security Escalation Pathways: Cascading Risks	● Civil-Military Cooperation in Climate Emergencies	● Future Climate-Security Operating Environments
M2 10:05-10:55	● Climate Change & Environmental Degradation as Threat Multipliers	● Cascading Risks and System Vulnerabilities	● Climate Crises, Instability and Security Risks	● NATO-EU Coordination During Climate-Related Emergencies	● Operational Resilience and Adaptation
M3 11:10-12:00	● Climate-Security in NATO, EU and National Contexts	● Fishbowl: Climate Change, Operations and Readiness	● Case Study: Climate-Security Escalation in Practice	● Practitioner Panel: Decision-Making Under Climate Stress	● Synthesis Workshop & Executive Discussion
M4 13:00-15:00	● Scenario Lab I: Wildfire Ignition	● Scenario Lab II: Disruption and Cascading Effects	● Scenario Lab III: Escalation Pathways	● Scenario Lab IV: Response Planning	● Closure
M5 15:15-17:15	● Decision Deep Dive: Climate-Security Risks	● Decision Deep Dive: Critical Priorities	● Decision Deep Dive: Escalation Pathways	● Decision Deep Dive: Response Options	
	● Lessons Identified	● Lessons Identified	● Lessons Identified	● Lessons Identified	
Optional	● Course Dinner	● Open Space	● Campfire Session	● Cultural Event	

Color Code: ● Input / Framing | ● Community of Practice | ● Scenario Work | ● Insights Development | ● Reflection & Lessons Identified | ● Social Programme