



**Protection of Civilians (PoC) Introductory Training Course  
For Civilian and Police Personnel**

**19 – 21 April 2022  
Online, via ZOOM  
COURSE PROGRAMME**

Day 1, 19 April

Time	Topic	Lecturer	Objectives
8:00 – 8:30	Introduction to the training	<i>Samo Selimović, Peace Operations Training Centre</i>	*To understand the main objectives of the training
8:30 – 10:30	Protection of Civilians	<i>Weldoet Wels, Bellica Consulting</i>	*To understand the “PoC” concept *To know the core approaches and the terminology
10:30 – 10:45	Short Break		
10:45 – 12:00	Civilians in Conflict PART 1	<i>Anthony Page, ICRC</i>	*To understand how conflict affects civilians
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch Break		
12:45 – 14:15	Civilians in Conflict PART 2	<i>Karolina Maclachlan, Center for Civilians in Conflict</i>	*To know and understand different types of threats, perpetrators and protection actors
14:15 – 14:30	Short Break		
14:30 – 16:00	Use of Force & Rules of Engagement (Tier 2)	<i>Katja Vurcer Straže, Slovenian Army</i>	*To understand the principles of use of force *To know the circumstances when force is permissible

Day 2, 20 April

Time	Topic	Lecturer	Objectives
8.00 – 9:30	Examples of good PoC practices	<i>Andraž Melanšek, UN</i>	*To know and understand approaches that have concrete impact
9:30 – 9:45	Short Break		
9:45 – 11:45	Protection of Civilians from a Local Perspective	<i>Marco Grandj, PAX</i>	*To understand how PoC approaches affect civilians in practice
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch Break		
12:45 – 15:15	Implications of Conflict Related Sexual and Gender Based Violence for Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping	<i>Barbara Mali, Independent GBV Expert</i>	*To know and understand how sexual violence inhibits peacekeeping and peacebuilding

Day 3, April 21

Time	Topic	Lecturer	Objectives
8:00 – 10:00	International Law on Protection of Civilians	<i>Mateja Grašek, Slovenian MFA</i>	*To know and understand the international legal framework on PoC
10:00 – 10:15	Short Break		
10:15 – 11:45	EU Approach to PoC	<i>Sari Kouvo, EEAS</i>	*To know how protection of civilians is addressed in CSDP missions
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch Break		
12:45 – 14:15	Beyond Physical Violence Prevention (Tiers 1&3)	<i>Marco Sutto, Carabinieri</i>	*To know and understand different tiers and/or operational phases of PoC
14:15 – 14:30	Short Break		
14:30 – 15:15	Closure & Training Evaluation	<i>Samo Selimović, Peace Operations Training Centre</i>	