

## TARGETING COURSE

The objective of the Targeting Course is to provide participants with an understanding of the legal considerations associated with targeting in military operations.

The Course examines the legal and operational parameters of the targeting process. To facilitate understanding, participants will conduct exercises taking them through a targeting process from planning and execution to battle damage assessment.

At the conclusion of the course participants will understand, and be able to identify and apply:

- (1) The purpose and process of targeting
- (2) The legal framework and distinctions between targeting *ad bellum*, human rights, and *in bello*
- (3) Legal principles and framework of targeting
- (4) Legal analysis of complex targets
- (5) Special legal considerations for dynamic and time sensitive targeting
- (6) Responses to targeting incidents and potential LOAC violations

This five-day Targeting Course is an intensive course, at the unclassified level, designed for planners, policy advisors, military and civilian legal counsel, and operators (commanders, leaders, targeteers, JFACs) advising on or prosecuting targets at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels.

## ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1000 Euro. This should be remitted before the start of the course, or on arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque or credit card.

The registration fee covers:

- Transport from/to Airport
- Lunches and coffee breaks on working days
- Icebreaker and Workshop dinner
- Course materials
- Course Photograph and Diploma

Transfers to/from airport to Sanremo will be arranged. Details of timings for this service will be provided as part of the registration process.

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant such as hotel accommodation, laundry or telephone calls. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses.

Queries on the Course including registration and administrative questions should be directed to: [patrizia@iihl.org](mailto:patrizia@iihl.org). For further information please consult our website [www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org)



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**Monday, 30 September 2024**

08.30–09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00–09.15	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
09.15–09.30	<b>Course Introduction</b>
09.30–10.00	<b>Introduction to the Targeting Process</b>
<i>10.00–10.30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30–12.30	<b>LOAC Principles</b>
<i>12.30–13.30</i>	<i>Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room</i>
13.30–15.00	<b>End State and Commanders Objectives</b>
<i>15.00–15.20</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
15.20–16.20	<b>Target Development and Prioritization</b>
16.20–17.00	<b>Exercise 1</b> Lawful Targets
<i>17.15</i>	<i>Icebreaker</i>

**Tuesday, 1 October 2024**

08.30–08.45	<b>Administrative Notes and Day 1 Wrap Up</b>
08.45–10.00	<b>Military Objectives and military advantage</b>
<i>10.00–10.30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30–11.30	<b>Precautions and Proportionality</b>
11.30–12.30	<b>Persons Subject to Attack Under IHL</b>
<i>12.30–13.30</i>	<i>Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room</i>
13.30– 14.30	<b>Military Objectives. Stretching the Envelope</b>
14.30–15.15	<b>Capabilities Analysis and Force Assignment (Including Lethal and Non-Lethal Targeting)</b> 20.00
<i>15.15–15.30</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>

15.30–16.15	<b>Exercise 2 Part I</b> Prepare target development and prioritization brief
16.15–17.15	<b>Exercise 2 Part II</b> Brief on target development and prioritization

**Wednesday, 02 October 2024**

08.30–08.45	<b>Administrative notes and Day 2 Wrap Up</b>
08.45–10.00	<b>Mission Execution: Target Validation and Assessment</b>
<i>10.00–10.20</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.20–12.00	<b>Law of cyber warfare</b>
12.00–13.00	<b>Targeting and HR Law 1</b>
<i>13.00–14.00</i>	<i>Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room</i>
14.00–15.00	<b>Targeting and HR Law 2</b>
<i>15.00 –15.30</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
15.30–17.00	<b>Exercise 3</b>

**Thursday, 03 October 2024**

09.00 – 09.15	<b>Administrative notes and Day 3 Wrap Up</b>
09.15–10.00	<b>Investigations</b>
<i>10.00–10.20</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.20–11.20	<b>Precautions in the Urban Environment (and political declaration on EWIPA)</b>
11.20–12.00	<b>Investigation Case Study</b>
<i>12.00–13.30</i>	<i>Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room</i>
13.30–14.30	<b>Dynamic targeting</b>
14.30–15.30	<b>Target Boards</b>
15.30–16.00	<b>Target Board Exercise Introduction</b>
<i>16.00–16.15</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
16.15–17.00	<b>Target Board Exercise Syndicate Preparation</b>
<i>20.00</i>	<i>Class Dinner</i>

**Friday, 04 October 2024**

08.45–09.00	<b>Administrative notes and Day 4 Wrap Up</b>
09.00–10.00	<b>Target Board Briefs and AAR</b>
<i>10.00–10.20</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.20–11.40	<b>Targeting and Future Weapons</b>
11.40–12.00	<b>Q and A</b>
12.00–12.30	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>
<i>12.30–13.30</i>	<i>Lunch and departure</i>