

Invitation to the course:
Cyber Defence Policy on National and International Levels
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20 to 24 March 2023 Tartu, Estonia

Cyberspace is the key feature as well as the defining factor of the modern security environment. As a human-made environment, cyberspace is the technology itself. However, cyberspace is also a tool for effectively exploiting and navigating other domains - air, land, sea, and space. A growing number of malign state and non-state actors are willing and able to 'weaponise' the inherent vulnerabilities of cyberspace. Thus, cyber considerations are an indispensable aspect of national and international security. The war in Ukraine further emphasized the importance of civil as well as military considerations of cyberspace for the proper functioning of the increasingly digital societies during the crisis.

To facilitate an adequate response to the rising challenges in cyberspace, the Baltic Defence College, in cooperation with the European Security and Defence College, is pleased to organize the Cyber Defence Policy on National and International Levels course.

The course aims to provide participants with the conceptual framework to facilitate strategic thinking about cyber defence and develop an understanding of how to integrate cyber considerations into national and international security policy and strategy formulation.

The course will underscore the multidimensional character of cyber defence through specific lessons learned from the 9 months of the war in Ukraine. Guest speakers representing diverse opinions from the political, military, academic, and private sectors will stress the importance of the comprehensive approach and cross-sector cooperation for strengthening cybersecurity on national and international levels during peace and war.

The course will provide an integrated overview of contemporary geopolitical affairs and security issues to enable participants to think critically about issues of strategic importance. The curriculum has been designed to provide the participants with basic skills and knowledge to analyze and design proper policy frameworks and strategies for cyber defence.

Participants should be mid-ranking to senior officials from the defence and security sector dealing with strategic aspects of cyber security and cyber defence from EU Member States, relevant EU Institutions and Agencies, as well as agencies from the partner countries (priority to Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia). Applications are to be filed via the ESDC secure internet system [ENLIST](#)¹ by designated nominators (see the list [here](#)²) no later than 3rd of March 2023.

The course is scheduled on March 20-24, 2023, in Tartu, Estonia, and will be delivered in English. A standard iteration consists of the residential session as well as e-Learning.

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¹ ENLIST - <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>

² ESDC Nominators: <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators>