



XXIV Estonian National Defence Course
May 15–20, 2011
Roosta, Lääne County

Programme

Sunday, May 15

14:15 Arrival, accommodation, coffee

15:00 Opening words and academic introduction

Ambassador Margus Kolga

Academic Course Director

Estonian Permanent Representative to the UN in New York

Topic: Estonia's and Europe's security in the 21st century

Chair: Margus Kolga

15:45 Security dimension of the European Union

Ambassador Harri Tiido

Estonian Permanent Representative to the EU (policy issues)

16:45 NATO – Where do we come from and where are we headed?

Ambassador Jüri Luik

Estonian Permanent Representative to NATO

17:45 Coffee break

18:00 Estonian defence policy, objectives and challenges

Sven Sakkov

Under-Secretary for Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence

19:00 Presentation of a book series

Hardo Aasmäe

Director, Estonian Encyclopaedia Publishing House

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Introduction to groupwork

Ott Keerberg

Researcher, Baltic Defence College

Monday, May 16

10:00 **Official opening of the course**

Andrus Ansip
Prime Minister

10:45 Group photo and morning coffee

11:15 **Late-morning lecture**

Key global problems in the next quarter of a century
Tomas Ries
Security expert

Topic: New age of warfare

Chair: Margus Kolga

12:15 Information warfare

Raul Rebane
Expert

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Lessons learned from recent military conflicts

Erik Männik
Researcher, International Centre for Defence Studies

Chair: Madis Mikko

15:15 Cyber warfare and attacks – What have we learned?

Rain Ottis
NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence

16:15 Coffee break

16:30 Energy wars – What can we do?

Einari Kisel
Deputy Secretary General of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Topic: Estonia's security and defence – Threats, implications and policies

Chair: Margus Kolga

17:30 Threats to Estonian security

Rainer Saks
Director General, Estonian Information Board

18:30 Groupwork

20:00 Introductory dinner

Tuesday, May 17

Topic: Estonia's security and defence – Threats, implications and policies

Chair: Margus Kolga

09:00 Internal threats to Estonian security
Raivo Aeg
Director General, Estonian Security Police

10:00 Security policy – An introduction
Sulev Kannike
Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:00 Coffee break

Topic: Foreign policy from a broader perspective – Objectives, principles and topics I

Chair: Margus Kolga

11:30 Estonia's policies in the European Union – Objectives and goals
Kaja Tael
Under-Secretary for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12:30 Development assistance, outreach policy and missions at civilian level
Priit Turk
Director of the Development Cooperation Division, External Economic and Development Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:30 Lunch

Topic: Estonian national defence – Principles, management and planning

Chair: Madis Mikko

14:30 Comprehensive national defence
Mikk Marran
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence

15:30 National defence – Legislative environment and democratic control
Taimar Peterkop
Under-Secretary for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Defence

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 Estonian defence planning and development priorities in national defence
Commander Senior Grade Lauri Tumm
Under-Secretary for Defence Planning, Ministry of Defence

17:45 National defence – Assets and investments
Ingvar Pärnamäe
Under-Secretary for Defence Investments, Ministry of Defence

19:00 Groupwork

20:00 Dinner
Sauna

Wednesday, May 18

Topic: Estonian Defence Forces – Tasks and objectives

Chair: Hellar Lill

Tour of the Defence Forces

08:00 Departure from Roosta

09:15 Arrival to Ämari

09:30 Development and priorities of the Air Force
BrigGen Valeri Saar
Commander of the Estonian Air Force

10:15 Tour of the Ämari Air Base

11:15 Departure from Ämari

12:00 Arrival to the territory of the 1st Infantry Brigade in Paldiski

12:15 Future and priorities of the Defence Forces
LtGen Ants Laaneots
Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Introductory overview of the individual weapons used by members of the Defence Forces; demonstration of the equipment of the units under the area of government of the Ministry of the Interior

15:15 National Defence League and its role in national defence
LtCol Raivo Lumiste
Commander of the National Defence League

16:30 Development and priorities of the Navy
Captain (N) Igor Schwede
Commander of the Estonian Navy

17:15 Return trip to Roosta

19:00 Dinner

Film night

Chair: Madis Mikko

20:00 Film 'Thirteen Days'
Comments by Jonatan Vsevirov
Director of the Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Defence

Thursday, May 19

Topic: Foreign policy from a broader perspective – Objectives, principles and topics II

Chair: Margus Kolga

- 09:00 External economic policy – Objectives and priorities
Marina Kaljurand
Under-Secretary for External Economic Policy and Development Cooperation Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 10:00 United States of America and global security (lecture in English)
Ambassador Michael C. Polt
US Ambassador to Estonia
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 Human rights and security
Eva-Maria Liimets
Director of the International Organisations' Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 12:30 Lunch

Topic: Internal security and internal security issues

Chair: Ott Keerberg

- 13:30 Estonia's internal security – How to guarantee it?
Erkki Koort
Deputy Secretary General for Internal Security Policy, Ministry of the Interior
- 14:30 Crisis management and Estonia's readiness for crisis management
Peeter Näks
Adviser, Rescue and Crisis Management Department, Ministry of the Interior
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Seminar – Comprehensive national defence**
Chair: Madis Mikko
Panellists: Jonatan Vsevirov, Erik Männik, Erkki Koort, Hannes Toomsalu
- 17:00 Groupwork
- 19:00 Discussion with the **president of Estonia** on the topic of 'Estonia's independence and its security perspectives in the future'

Followed by a festive dinner and a quiz

Friday, May 20

Topic: Internal security and internal security issues (cont.)

Chair: Hellar Lill

09:00 Today's challenges in guaranteeing security

Priit Heinsoo

Director of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior

10:00 Migration and migratory pressures on Estonia's security

Ruth Annus

Director of the Migration and Border Policy Department, Ministry of the Interior

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Penultimate lecture

From growth limitations to useless growth

Kaarel Tarand

Editor-in-Chief of the weekly Sirp

12:15 Lunch

13:00 Estonia's foreign policy – Priorities and burning issues of the moment

Urmas Paet

Minister of Foreign Affairs

14:00 Presentation of groupwork results

Chair: Ott Keerberg

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 Final presentation, discussion

Mart Laar

Minister of Defence

16:45 Graduation, presentation of certificates

17:30 END