



12 June 2026

Subject: Invitation to Distinguished Visitor Day –MARSEC EU 26

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Finnish Border Guard and the European External Action Service, we are honoured to invite two representatives of your country to attend the Distinguished Visitor Day of the exercise MARSEC EU 26, to be held in Helsinki on 16 September 2026.

The exercise brings together Baltic Sea maritime law enforcement authorities, with the aim of strengthening regional and EU cooperation and capacity to conduct joint surveillance and intervention operations, and to test interoperability under various maritime security scenarios.

The Distinguished Visitor Day will provide high-level guests with the opportunity to observe key operational demonstrations, receive mission briefings from senior leaders, and engage with representatives of participating EU Member States and other entities.

The programme will include:

- An operational overview of the exercise objectives and participating forces;
- Maritime operations conducted by the participating assets;
- Opportunities for interaction with senior military and civilian leadership;
- Lunch during the event.

The participation of a representative of your country in the Distinguished Visitor Day would reflect our strong partnership and our shared commitment to maritime security and critical underwater infrastructure protection.

We kindly request an RSVP by filling out the online questionnaire by 31 July 2026: <https://urly.fi/48UQ> The final program as well as other practicalities will be shared with the registered participants closer to the start of the event.

We sincerely hope that high-level representatives of your country will be able to join us for this important event.

Respectfully,

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Brigadier General Mika Rytönen
Chief of Operations

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Alison Weston
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