



1st April

TO: **Estonian Border Guard**

VIP GUEST INVITATION
11th ANNUAL COAST GUARD CAPABILITY CONFERENCE

1. Bringing together the most influential stakeholders from the global Coast Guard community, the Coast Guard Capability Conference 2025 will delve into the evolving role of coast guards, emerging threats, and the importance of interagency collaboration. Attracting over 150 attendees worldwide, the 2025 agenda will examine critical topics relevant to modern Coast Guard operations, including new technology, threats to underwater infrastructure, and enhancing interoperability.
2. As Military & Government Liaison, I am pleased to formally invite you to contribute to these discussions by attending the conference in person as our honoured guest. Additionally, we would like to extend this invitation (to attend as our guests on a non-payment basis) to up to five (5) officers/senior staff accompanying you in your delegation. Ideally, these would be procurement professionals currently working on Coast Guard equipment programs, requirements setters and capability development officers focused on next-generation platform capability, senior leaders from operational commands that may benefit from collaboration and information exchange with their peers from other nations, and officers leading relevant R&D and S&T programs.
3. Taking place over two days our conference will provide a unique opportunity for the Coast Guard community to engage in productive, face-to-face discussions with allied, partner, and friendly nations. The event is a chance to get together to hear presentations from those deploying systems in varied operations around the world and to learn about and see some of the latest platforms and technology.
4. The role of the Coast Guard is expanding beyond civilian efforts to a more quasi-military function, as well as a key part of boosting a nation's blue economy. This forum is necessary for facilitating an environment where this 'whole of government' approach can be worked out. It is particularly important for newer coast guards to attend, as they can learn valuable lessons from the more experienced and established coast guards worldwide.
5. As my distinguished guest, there is no registration fee associated with your attendance at this conference for your delegation of up to five (5) officers/senior staff. Travel and accommodation expenses remain the responsibility of the participating organisation.
6. I will remain your direct point of contact. Please contact me via email at Amrik.ruprai@defenceiq.com or via telephone at +44 (0) 207 036 1373. For our planning purposes, it would be much appreciated if your staff could indicate your early intent to participate by **Friday 25th April 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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