



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
DEFENCE FORCES

Brigadier General Jaro Kesänen
Rector of the Finnish National
Defence University

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Letter of Invitation

Dear Jaro

Dear Brigadier General Kesänen,

Estonian Military Academy is pleased to invite your representative units to the third reconnaissance competition organised by the Estonian Military Academy, which will take place 10th of April until 12th of April 2026, Tartu County.

"Estonian Military Recce Competition 2026" is a military-style reconnaissance competition mainly organised by the cadets of Estonian Military Academy. The competition imitates a tactical operation and is carried out as a patrol-style march format, in which teams cover a route of more than 50 kilometers while passing through various checkpoints along the way. In addition to the checkpoints, the competitors have to carry out scenario-based reconnaissance tasks, while maintaining concealment in order to avoid the enemy forces in the operating area.

The purpose of the competition is to determine the best team among Estonian Defence Forces, Defence League and allied countries, while testing their military skills, logical thinking and teamwork.

Units are expected to participate in teams of four. Every team must also have a representative, who will support the team with administrative and competition-oriented tasks.

Each represented country is limited to one team.

The registration is open until March 6th 2026. Participation form attached to this letter.

Registration: Ensign (OF-1) Georgio Paim, e-mail Georgio.Paim@mil.ee.

More information for the registered units will be sent when the registration window is over.

Sincerely,

*Best
Johan*

Johan-Elias Seljamaa
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Annex: Participation Form