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## **PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY CADETS' WINTER EXERCISE 12 JAN-01 FEB 2025**

The National Defence University will implement a combined live fire and combat exercise from 12th January to 1st February 2025. The exercise is part of the Finnish 1st and 2nd year cadets' training and will take place at the Vuosanka military training area, approx. 75 kilometers northeast of the city of Kajaani, in Northern Finland.

The main goal of the exercise in question is to train Finnish cadets to conduct combat live fire drills under battlefield conditions. In the exercise, the cadets essentially work in a winter combat environment, where they are also tested in various combat exercises in addition to live fire drills.

The demanding conditions and tasks, combined with the long duration of the exercise, make the exercise one of the most challenging performances in cadets' training. Overall, the exercise provides a comprehensive training experience that improves cadet performance in a demanding operational environment.

The National Defence University would like to invite two of your instructors (or other officers) to participate in the exercise as observers from 22<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. Aim is to invite two of your cadets to take part in the exercise on 2026, if our training and exercise arrangements seem suitable for your purposes and if your cadets have required skills to participate this kind of exercise.

If this invitation aroused interest in sending observers to the exercise, please take contact to our POC for further information.

*for and on behalf of  
the National Defence University*

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