

**JOINT IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH ARMY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

**AND**

**COMMANDER OF THE ESTONIAN DEFENCE FORCES**

**CONCERNING**

**THE INTERNATIONAL COURSE OF FRENCH CADETS AT  
THE ESTONIAN MILITARY ACADEMY**

**CONDUCTED ON ESTONIAN TERRITORY**

**FROM THE 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY TO THE 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

The chief of staff of the French Army of the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as “French Participant”

and

Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces, hereinafter referred to as “Estonian Participant”

Hereinafter referred to as « the Participants »,

Considering the applicability of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (hereinafter referred to as the “NATO SOFA”), signed in London on June 19th, 1951,

Considering the applicability of Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Estonian Republic, concerning cooperation in the defence area, signed in Paris on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011, hereinafter referred to as « Cooperation Agreement »,

Have reached the following understandings:

## SECTION 1

For the purposes of this Joint Implementation Arrangement (JIA), the following definitions shall apply:

- « **Activity** »: designates the international course of the French cadets from the Combined Arms Military School of the Military Academy of Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan, organised from 27<sup>th</sup> January (arrival on 26<sup>th</sup> January) to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (departure) on the territory of the Estonian Republic, at the Military Academy;
- « **Detachment** »: designates the members of the French armed forces deployed on the soil of the Estonian Republic for the purposes of the Activity, as well as the necessary materials and equipment to the deploy and support of the so-called Detachment;
- « **Head of Detachment** »: designates the officer of the French army commanding the Detachment;
- « **Members of the Detachment** »: designates any personnel of the Detachment.

## SECTION 2

The purpose of this JIA is to define organizational, logistic, financial and legal matters regarding to the participation of the Detachment (including activities directly related to the *pre* and *post* exercise deployment) to the Activity that takes place at the Estonian Military Academy.

This JIA is not intended to conflict with the national laws of either Participant or international law. In case of conflict, applicable national and/or international law prevails. This JIA is not a treaty as mentioned in the Vienna Convention of the 23<sup>th</sup> of May 1969.

## SECTION 3

The main purpose of the Activity is to enable French cadets to immerse themselves in an Estonian military unit or academy in order to discover foreign army and culture and to improve English language.

The Activity includes the following phases:

- **26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**: Flight To Estonia;
- **27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**: Beginning of the international and language course at the Estonian military academy of Tartu;

- **27<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** Participation in academy courses and activities;
- **21<sup>st</sup> February 2025:** End of the international and language course at the Estonian military academy of Tartu and flight back to France.

#### **SECTION 4**

The Activity shall imply 2 French cadets from the Detachment.

In order to facilitate the entry on the territory of the Estonian Republic, the French Participant must confirm fifteen (15) days before the beginning of the Activity, the identity (rank, name, surname) as well as the passport number of the Members of the Detachment.

The French Participant shall notify the Estonian Participant as soon as possible from any change in the list of the Members of the Detachment.

The list of the Members of the Detachment:

<b>RANK</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
OF-1 / Second Lieutenant	PERRAULT DE JOTEMPS	Thaddé	Member of Detachment
OF-1 / Second Lieutenant	BOUADJADJ	Djamel	Member of Detachment

#### **SECTION 5**

The Members of the Detachment are authorized to embark on land, air or maritime transport of the Estonian Participant, in the respect of regulations and legislations in effect on the territory of the Estonian Republic.

#### **SECTION 6**

Within the scope of the Activity, the exercises shall respect all the security rules, employment procedures, operative legislation on the Estonian territory.

The Detachment shall respect instructions stated by Estonian Participant.

Prior to the Activity, an information session on the measures and regulations of safety must be delivered to the Members of Detachment by the qualified staff of the Estonian Participant, in English language.

If the Head of Detachment consider that the safety measures are insufficient, he must notify the representative of the Estonian Participant. The Participants can get along to agree together on the additional measures to adopt so that the safety conditions satisfy as much as possible the needs of the Estonian Participant. The Head of Detachment can interrupt or hang up an activity if he considers that the safety conditions are not sufficient.

The French Participant shall certify that the Members of the Detachment are at least eighteen (18) years-old, and have all the necessary physical and technical skills adapted to the Activity.

## **SECTION 7**

The Detachment is responsible for the maintenance, reparation, troubleshooting of its equipment with its own tools and its own members. The Detachment is also responsible for the tactical equipment provided by the EMA. All loaned equipment must be returned to the EMA.

## **SECTION 8**

The French Participant will ensure that the Members of the Detachment are medically and physically fit before the beginning of the Activity.

During their presence on the territory of the Estonian Republic, all the Members of the Detachment will have their own short medical file as well as their international vaccination certificate. In order to facilitate the administrative processing in case of medical care, the Members of the Detachment will be informed that they must have their European health insurance card.

Medical and dental care will be provided in accordance with Article IX of the NATO SOFA.

If the military medical services of the Estonian Participant cannot meet the requirements of the Members of the Detachment, the Estonian Participant will facilitate the access to the civil medical services on the territory of the Estonian Republic; the costs for medical care provided by civil medical services will be borne by the French Participant.

The French Participant will organise, if need be, with the Estonian Participant, the strategic medical evacuation (stratevac) of the Members of the Detachment to the territory of French Republic. The stratevac costs by civilian means will be borne by the French Participant.

In order to ensure the medical follow-up, the Members of the Detachment undergoing a treatment will hold all their medical prescriptions for the duration of the stay.

## **SECTION 9**

Estonian Participant provide the following goods and services to the Detachment:

- accommodation for the Members of the Detachment;
- the water;
- the electricity;
- transportation from the airport to the Military Academy;
- food and catering: 3 hot meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) per day are offered by the Estonian Military Academy from Monday till Thursday. On Friday the host provides 2 meals (breakfast and lunch). Members of the detachment will be in charge of their food on weekends as EMA's canteen will be closed.

The French Participant bears the whole costs relating to:

- transportations costs between French Republic and Estonian Republic (outward, return);
- mission expenses and any incidental allowances from the Members of the Detachment;
- the cost for their meals during week-ends ;
- expenses if they go out and visit Estonia during week-ends ;
- the rental and telephone consumption of private means of communication;
- civil medical procedure expenses.

The French Participant uses a SOR to specify the support required by the Detachment. Support by the Estonian Participant is delivered on the basis of an accepted SOR.

At the beginning and the end of the stay, a contradictory inventory is drawn up from the installations used by the French Participant, as bedrooms and kitchens at the dormitory, and the equipment provided by the Estonian Participant, as tactical equipment, in order to check that everything is returned in the condition in which it was received.

Any material provisionally provided to the French Participant is used with care and returned in the condition in which it has been provided, apart from normal wear, to the competent military authorities of the Estonian Participant before his departure. In case of damage or loss, a report is established by the competent authorities from the French Participant to the Estonian Participant.

#### SECTION 10

The settlement of damage is done complying with Article 11 of the Cooperation Agreement.

Any disputes regarding interpretation or application of this JIA should be resolved by the Participants at the lowest level through mutual consultation.

#### SECTION 11

Contact points of the Participants and their details are listed here:

For the French Participant:

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For the Estonian Participant :

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#### SECTION 12

This JIA applies upon the date of last signature affixed and remains operative until final settlement of all financial and legal responsibilities arising from the Activity.

This JIA may be modified by the mutual consent of the Participants through their designated representatives. All modifications should be in writing.

This JIA shall be discontinued by mutual consent of the Participants or unilaterally discontinued due to operational requirements resulting from national military commitments. Financial responsibilities incurred by a Participant prior to discontinuation remain the Participant's responsibility until fulfilled.

Done in two originals in English language.

Paris,

For the Chief of Staff of the French Army of the  
French Republic,

General Officer head of the French Army's  
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Brigadier General Stéphane RICHOU

Tallinn,

For the Estonian Defence Forces,

Head of the Estonian Military Academy

Brigadier General (OF-6) Viktor Kalnitski

