



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
DEFENCE FORCES

Colonel Māris Utināns  
Commandant of the National  
Defence Academy of Latvia

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## Letter of Invitation

Dear Colonel Utināns

We have the pleasure to invite cadets of the National Defence Academy of Latvia to the exercise „Shield of River Emajõgi” in the framework of co-operation plan for the academic year of 2024/2025 between our academies.

We invite 4 cadets to the Estonian Military Academy 25.–27. March 2025 to participate in the exercise as a company commander role.

We kindly ask your academy to confirm cadets participation by e-mail to the POC (Ms Piret Tamm) at [piret.tamm2@mil.ee](mailto:piret.tamm2@mil.ee) by Monday, 3 March the latest. Please include names and ranks of the cadets and their special dietary or food requirements if relevant in your letter.

We are looking forward welcoming your delegation in Estonia!

Best regards

Viktor Kalnitski  
Brigadier General  
Commandant of the Estonian Military Academy

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## **Exercise „Shield of River Emajõgi”**

The exercise is organised by the Estonian Military Academy's (EMA) 2<sup>nd</sup> year Master's students to all other students in the academy. The scenario is based on the Estonian Division's training OPORD and will be executed during the HEDGEHOG 2025 exercise, focusing on the defence of Southeastern Estonia.

The exercise format combines MAPEX and CAX. It includes tactical level of planning up to brigade level. Students' responsibilities vary between PTA and STA, also HICON, SIDECON and LOCON/RC-s including OPFOR. All participants are mentees of officers and NCO-s of the EMA and the EDF.

The aim of the involvement of the whole cadets' corps (all branches of service) and academic staff is teambuilding.

### **Prerequisites for international participants**

Mastering English on Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2.

A solid understanding of platoon- and company-level planning and tactical activities is essential, with battalion-level knowledge being an additional advantage.

### **Timetable**

#### Monday, 24. March

Arrival at the EMA in Tartu

NLT 2000

#### Tuesday-Thursday, 25.–27. March

Participation in the exercise in a company commander role.

Start of the exercise at the EMA on Tuesday, 25. March

900

End of the exercise on Thursday, 27. March

1500

### **Accommodation, meals and transportation**

The delegation will be accommodated in the dormitory of the EMA. Hot meals are provided by the host 3 times a day.

If a delegation member has a special dietary or food requirements due to medical reasons, please inform the POC. By doing that, please specify food that can not be consumed.

### **Dress code and equipment**

Battle dress uniform.

### **Location of the EMA**

Riia Street Riia 12, Tartu 51010. Main building and dormitory are located in the same building.

### **POC**

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