

Geneva, 9 October 2019

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), with the support of the Swiss Confederation, has the honour to invite **Lithuania** to nominate candidates for:

**The 24<sup>th</sup> European Security Course (ESC):  
“Examining Global Security Challenges Relative to Europe”  
3 February to 27 March 2020, Geneva**

Countries may nominate diplomats, military officers, or civil servants from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Development, Economy, Finance, Interior, Justice, Prime Minister's office, Presidential Administration or other relevant ministries.

For the past twenty years, the ESC has deepened participants' understanding of the complexity of contemporary security policy challenges relative to Europe. The course locates European security within a regional and global context to better assess the inter-connectedness of transnational threats and responses.

The objectives of the course are:

- to provide participants with a comprehensive and *analytical overview of global security trends* relative to Europe
- to develop the participants' understanding of *how Europe interfaces with the world on security issues*
- to enhance the participants' *relevant skills set to be effective security policy practioners*
- to promote mutual understanding and generate a *community of security policy professionals*

With the support of the Swiss Confederation, we are pleased to offer this course **free of tuition charges**.

Your country is kindly asked to submit nominations for this course by **Friday, 27 November 2019**. The GCSP strives to meet **gender parity** in course participation, for this reason, your country is asked to nominate at least **two candidates**, one female and one male.

For further information, please consult our website [www.gcsp.ch](http://www.gcsp.ch) or contact the GCSP through Ms Bérangère Barthelmé, ESC Course Coordinator at +41(0)22 730 96 81, e-mail: [esc@gcsp.ch](mailto:esc@gcsp.ch)

We look forward to welcoming the selected participant(s) to Geneva in February 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador Christian Dussey  
GCSP Director

## Practical Information for the 24<sup>th</sup> ESC

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### Admission Requirements

- This course is open to mid-career professionals working in national ministries. In addition, the course is open to selected representatives of international organisations and civil society.
- Participants should possess a university degree or be serving officers (Advanced Military Staff Course completed). As the course is highly interactive throughout, candidates must have some professional or academic experience in the field of international security. Post-graduate training and/or mission experience are assets but not required.
- The ESC depends on the continuous engagement and interaction of all participants throughout. Full-time attendance at the ESC is required.
- Participants must have a strong command of spoken and written English, the working language of the ESC. Language proficiency may be checked by the Swiss Embassy for non-native English speaking participants. Interviews with the course leadership may be arranged.

### Selection Process

The selection process is based on a competitive process. Given the competitive and demanding nature of the course, and the limited space, only the most qualified nominees will be accepted. The GCSP will select participants ensuring diversity in ministerial representation, national origin, professional experience, educational/training background, and gender. In case of the nomination of only one candidate, admission will not be automatic. The GCSP reserves the right to not accept candidates who do not meet the admission requirements.

### Course Fees

With the support of the Swiss Confederation, we are pleased to offer this course free of tuition charges.

### Travel Costs

Travel costs between the home country and Geneva are the responsibility of the sending institutions.

### Accommodation

Participants are expected to find their own accommodation in Geneva. Advice is available on request.

### Assessment and Certificate

Participants are assessed on their performance throughout the course. Upon successful completion of the course, participants receive a Course Certificate from the GCSP, an assessment is sent to their nominating authority, and they become members of the GCSP Alumni Network.

### Application Procedure

Governments are requested to nominate more than one candidate. The GCSP strives to meet gender parity in course participation. Every country is asked to nominate at least two candidates, one woman and one man. We would be grateful if you could nominate your candidates to this course and by applying online [here](#), until **27 November 2019**. Only completed applications will be considered.

Please note that the following documents will need to be uploaded upon registration for each candidate:

- The official endorsement signed by the sending authority (i.e. direct supervisor)
- A curriculum vitae
- A passport scan

### Point of Contact for ESC Applications at the GCSP

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