



Federal Academy
for Security Policy

3 April to 30 June 2023

A comprehensive, interconnected approach to security and strategy

The 2023 Core Course on Security Policy

“Germany’s Watershed Moment – Focus on Central and Eastern Europe”





== About the course ==

The Core Course on Security Policy is the most multifaceted advanced training course on security policy provided in Germany on behalf of the Federal Government.

Understanding comprehensive security and global contexts

It teaches a broad and comprehensive approach to security policy, hones participants' knowledge about global issues and promotes a cross-governmental understanding of security at the strategic level. The course also prepares younger senior officials for national and international assignments as key decision-makers. It covers the entire spectrum of security policy.

Participants of German and other nationalities may attend the course. It includes:

- Talks with ministers and state secretaries, and meetings and discussions with senior personnel from the Federal Chancellery, the federal ministries and government agencies, as well as high-level diplomats, scholars and members of many different important organisations in our society

- Numerous high-level visits and talks in political and economic decision-making centres, including Brussels, Paris, Washington, D.C. and New York City
- A multi-stop study tour to Hungary, Romania and Lithuania
- Long-term access to an exclusive network of actors in the world of national and international security policy – even after the course has ended.





*The main focus for 2022 is
“Germany’s Watershed Moment –
Focus on Central and Eastern Europe”.*

Time frame

Participants must attend in person for the entire duration of the course. It lasts three months and will be held in Berlin from **3 April to 30 June 2023**. The course will be conducted in German and English.

Target group

The course is designed for a select group of younger senior officials from the German federal and state ministries, from business, academia and politics, and from civil-society groups such as churches, trade unions, NGOs and the media. Participation is by invitation/nomination only.



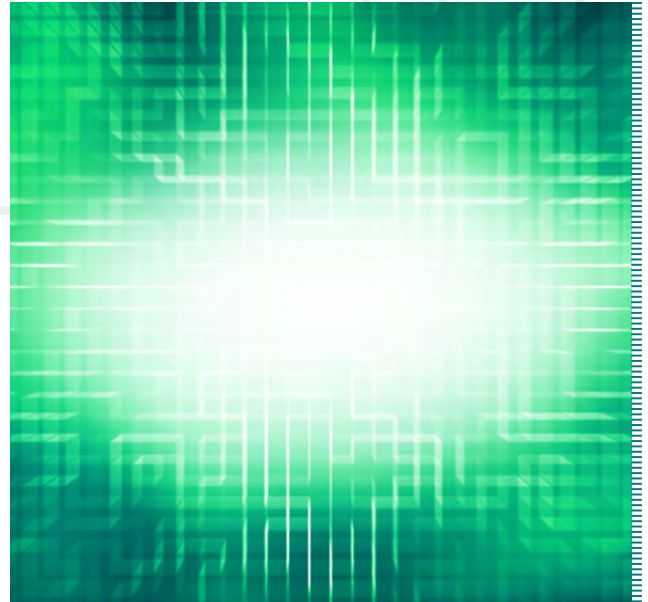
Module 1

**Comprehensive security
dimensions – developments – trends**

3 – 21 April

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is threatening security throughout Europe. Federal Chancellor Scholz has therefore spoken of a watershed moment based on the realization that Germany and its allies and partners must become more resilient and better able to defend themselves, also beyond the current war.

This first module examines the basis and conditions of the new security situation. A study tour to Brussels and Paris will explore the question of how things will continue: Which strategic adjustments will NATO and the EU make? In which direction is the European compass pointing? What has become of the frequently mentioned French-German engine? And how will the interests and perspectives of the Central and Eastern European states be adequately represented?



Module 2

**Strategic foresight
values – change – vigilance**

24 April – 4 May

Strategic foresight is a key element of crisis management and crisis prevention. The Federal Academy for Security Policy has therefore set up a competence centre which, in this module, will introduce the methods and possibilities of strategic foresight using practical exercises. Based on insights from the first module, this module examines the development of scenarios that can be used to derive security-political courses of action – especially regarding the future of Central and Eastern Europe. In addition, individual training units will teach the participants how insights and recommendations can be appropriately communicated to various target groups.



Module 3

USA

common ground – differences – misconceptions

4 – 26 May

In the new security situation, a strong and reliable bond between the US and Germany is more important than ever. Since national interests and strategic priorities are not always identical, this bond cannot be taken for granted. It requires mutual commitment and trust. For this reason, this module takes a close look at the internal situation and the international role of the United States. This includes a study tour to Washington, D.C. and New York, where we will exchange ideas with representatives from the government, business and civil society. Special attention will be paid to the American perspective on Central and Eastern Europe.



Module 4

Domestic security

a multidimensional challenge

30 May – 9 June

In a modern understanding of security policy, domestic and external security are seen as interconnected, therefore requiring an integrated and whole-of-government strategy. Accordingly, this module focuses on domestic security as a multidimensional challenge. The focus will be on the protection of critical infrastructures, organised crime and cyber security, as well as on resilient democracy and the open society in Germany and Europe. The module will not only assess the current situation but will also explore measures required to strengthen our resilience and defence readiness.



Module 5

The watershed moment – focus on Central and Eastern Europe

12 – 29 June

Central and Eastern Europe is where the West and Russia meet geographically. However, the security-political relevance of this region is not limited to deterrence and defence along NATO's eastern flank. In the very diverse countries of Central and Eastern Europe, we see the complexity of this watershed moment as if under a magnifying glass: Energy policy, influence exerted by authoritarian states, cohesion within the values-based European Union, and uncontrolled migration are

examples of key areas that will be examined in a field study with stops in Hungary, Romania and Lithuania. What can Germany learn from these partners and how can we proceed to address our common challenges?





Tasks and objectives

Since it was founded in 1992, the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS) has been a place of strategic thinking and security policy training. The Academy's work is interdisciplinary in its approach and practically oriented. It promotes a broad understanding of Germany's long-term security objectives, and a shared concept of the comprehensive approach to security among individuals from politics, government agencies, academia, business, civil society and the general public.

The Federal Academy for Security Policy's tasks are divided into three areas: teaching/training, expert conferences and public dialogue.

Organisation

Politically, the Federal Academy for Security Policy is led by a board of trustees, which is chaired by the Federal Chancellery and includes members of all federal ministries represented in the Federal Security Council. The board of trustees is supported by an advisory board consisting of key figures in the security policy arena. Organisationally, the Federal Academy for Security Policy falls within the area of responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Defence.

The President of the Academy is Ambassador Ekkehard Brose. The Federal Academy for Security Policy has some 70 employees from all ministries represented in the Federal Security Council. It was established in Bonn in 1992. It has been based on the premises of Schönhausen Palace in Berlin since 2004.



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