



Federal Academy
for Security Policy

8 April to 5 July 2024

An integrated, interconnected approach to security and strategy

The 2024 Course on Security Policy

European Security in Transition – Focus Baltic Sea Region





== About the course ==

The Course on Security Policy is the most multi-faceted training course on security policy provided in Germany on behalf of the Federal Government.

Understanding integrated security and global contexts.

It teaches a broad and comprehensive approach to security policy, hones participants' knowledge about global issues and promotes a broad understanding of an integrated approach to 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:

- Informal exchange with ministers and state secretaries, as well as meetings and discussions with senior personnel from the Federal Chancellery, the federal ministries and government agencies, high-level diplomats, scholars and members of relevant organisations in society

- Numerous high-level visits and discussions in political and economic decision-making centres, including Brussels, London, Washington, D.C. and New York City
- A study tour to Finland, Poland and Estonia
- 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 topic for 2024 is
European Security in Transition – Focus Baltic Sea Region.*

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 **8 April to 5 July 2024**. 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 organisations such as churches, trade unions, NGOs and the media. Participation is by invitation/nomination only.



Module 1

**Integrated security
dimensions – tools – developments**

8 – 26 April

Society's views on security policy have changed since Russia's attack on Ukraine. Germany's first National Security Strategy, with its guiding principle of integrated security, sets high standards for integrated government action. At the same time, functioning relationships between partners and allies are more important than ever against the backdrop of what in Germany is called *Zeitenwende* (*watershed moment*).

This first module examines the basis and conditions of the new security situation. A study tour will take the participants to Brussels and London: What strategies will NATO and the EU apply to meet the challenges? What form can cooperation with the UK take after Brexit? The module will also focus on: How are we positioned on NATO's north-eastern flank and in the Baltic Sea region, and how can the interests and perspectives of the states of the Baltic Sea region be taken into account appropriately?



Module 2

**Strategic foresight
vision and visibility**

29 April – 8 May

Germany has a fundamental interest in securing NATO's eastern flank in the long term and in the future of the Baltic Sea region. This is reflected, for example, in the fact that Germany will permanently deploy a brigade of soldiers to Lithuania. Can strategic foresight help in developing future-proof strategies for the stability of the region? In this module, the Centre for Strategic Foresight at the Federal Academy for Security Policy introduces relevant methods and makes these tangible in exercises.

The strategic foresight methods will build on the lessons of the first module and focus on the development of scenarios and options for action. Individual training units teach participants how to communicate appropriately to target audiences in a changing media environment.



Module 3

Transatlantic relations between geopolitical and domestic policy constraints

13 – 31 May

Close relations with the United States continue to be the foundation of German and European security policy. We will only be able to defend our values and interests as well as the rules-based international order as part of a strong transatlantic alliance. As a maritime power, the United States makes a significant contribution to securing supply routes across the Atlantic. The ability to take action abroad also requires the ability to take domestic action. The states on both sides of the Atlantic are confronted with challenges, for example regarding the economy and climate, and with increasing polarisation in domestic policy. This situation requires our societies to be resilient and open to change.

Against the backdrop of the US presidential elections in 2024, the module sheds light on the internal state and international role of the United States. A study tour will take the course participants to Washington, D.C. and Norfolk, Virginia, as well as to the United Nations in New York City.



Module 4

Domestic security a multidimensional challenge

3 – 14 June

There are close links between foreign and domestic security, which the National Security Strategy particularly highlights. This module focuses on the numerous and sometimes even new tasks German domestic policy is facing: civil protection and disaster control are to be comprehensively strengthened. Migration movements pose new challenges for government and administration at state and federal level, as well as the population.

Resilience and robustness must be strengthened with regard to cyber security and hybrid threat situations, such as disinformation campaigns, and our critical infrastructure must be better protected. There is a growing need to consider security policy issues in connection with socio-political developments.



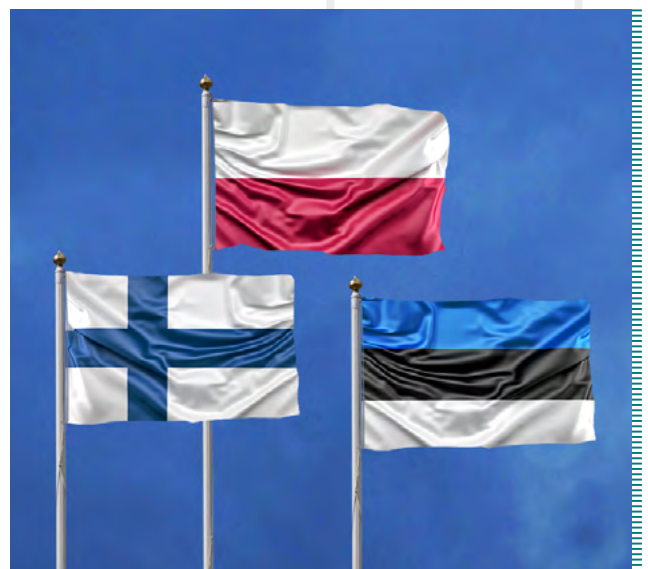
Module 5

Security in the Baltic Sea region

17 June – 4 July

Since Russia's attack on Ukraine, the Baltic Sea region has also entered a watershed era. Finland is joining NATO (Sweden is also expected to join). Critical energy supply and communication infrastructures are at risk. Cooperation within NATO and the EU as well as within the Baltic Sea region is the focus of a study tour to Finland, Poland and Estonia. How do we address our common external threats?

How do we handle uncontrolled/controlled migration? What can Germany learn from its partners in the Baltic Sea region? How can we enhance mutual understanding, our cooperation and the cohesion of democratic societies?





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 practice-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.

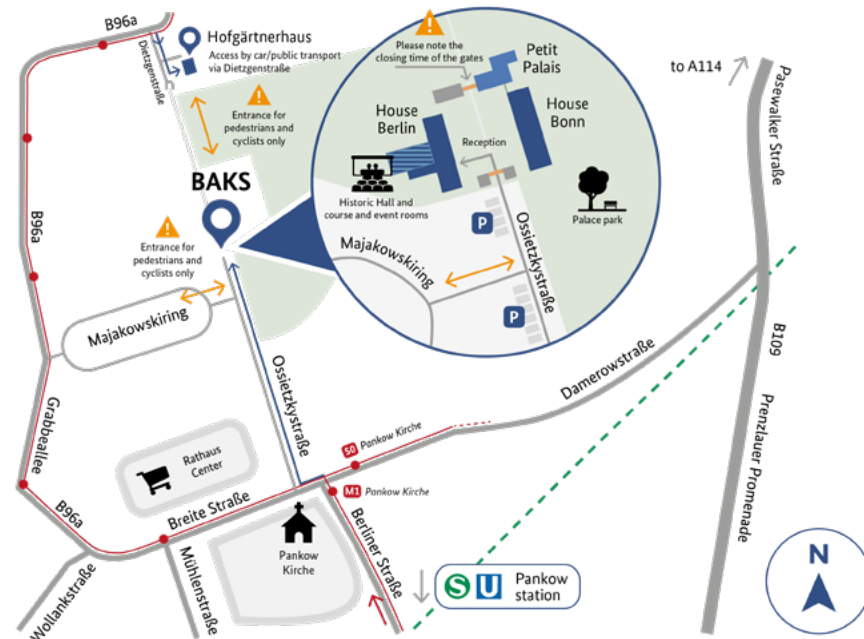
Organisation

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 Major General Wolf-Jürgen Stahl. 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 located on the premises of Schönhausen Palace in Berlin since 2004.



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