



Tallinn Summer School of Cyber Diplomacy 2023

Upholding a free, open, safe, and
secure cyberspace

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Rapid digital developments have altered all areas of society. Digitalisation and cybersecurity have become an aspect of diplomatic and world affairs: debates on the rights and duties of states in cyberspace, ensuring freedom and security online, and collaborating for a safe and secure cyberspace are mainstream foreign policy topics. Cyber operations have become an integral part of armed conflict, underscoring the importance of understanding how international law safeguards states and societies striving to sustain their way of life. All these issues will be addressed during the Tallinn Summer School of Cyber Diplomacy.

The event marks the fourth edition of the Tallinn Summer Schools of Cyber Diplomacy, held since 2019.

Participants

This five-day event is designed for diplomats who have recently taken on the challenging task of cyber foreign policy-making, as well as other government officials interested in complex cyber issues.

Lecturers

The Summer School will feature distinguished current and former cyber diplomats, policymakers, and experts from the private sector, academia, and civil society in the international arena.

Topics & Agenda

Participants are invited to join discussions at the intersection of foreign policy and technology, and to explore the cyber policies and practices of regional and international organisations.

DAY 1 – Digitalisation and cybersecurity

Topics: Interrelationship between digitalisation and cybersecurity as mutual enablers. Key concepts of cybersecurity and national cybersecurity. Cyber threats and trends. Technology and the future.

DAY 2 – International cybersecurity and responsible state behaviour

Topics: International cybersecurity and stability frameworks and their application. International law in cyberspace, norms of responsible state behaviour, confidence building measures. International organisations and cybersecurity. The role of a cyber diplomat.

DAY 3 – Enforcing cybersecurity frameworks

Topics: Deterrence through resilience and response. State accountability, attribution of State cyber activity, accountability mechanisms. Building national cyber resilience.

DAY 4 – Cyber capacity building and improving cyber resilience

Theme: Contributing to and benefiting from cybersecurity capacity building. Key aspects, approaches, and strategies of cybersecurity capacity building. Lessons from practice. Cybersecurity capacity building masterclass.

DAY 5 – Table-top cybersecurity exercise and wrap up

Table-top cybersecurity exercise. Conclusions, certificates, closing remarks.

Diverse learning formats

In addition to classroom discussions, the agenda features field visits to the e Estonia Briefing Centre, Estonia's e-Cabinet, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Foundation CR14, as well as a cybersecurity capacity building masterclass and a practical table-top exercise simulating a realistic international cyber crisis.

Social and networking programme

The Tallinn Summer School's evening programme includes an icebreaker reception, hosted dinners with fireside chats, guided tours of Tallinn Old Town and the Estonian Open Air Museum, and ample networking opportunities.

Venue

The primary venue is the stylish 4-star L'Embitu Hotel, situated in the heart of Tallinn's City Centre and within walking distance from the medieval Old Town.

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About the organisers

Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), commission.europa.eu, is the European Commission's department responsible for formulating the EU's international partnership and development policy, with the ultimate goal to reduce poverty, ensure sustainable development, and promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law across the world.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, vm.ee/en, makes sure that Estonia's security and well-being is ensured and protects Estonia's interests in the world by planning and implementing foreign policy and coordinating foreign relations. In terms of Cyber Capacity building, Estonia has supported the development of cyber security systems in developing and partner countries for over ten years and will continue to do so in the future.

e-Governance Academy (eGA), ega.ee, is a centre of excellence for increasing the prosperity and openness of societies through digital transformation. Over the last 20 years, eGA has collaborated with more than 280 organisations and 141 countries on digital innovations and assisted government organisations of Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, Uganda, Turkiye, and Ukraine in improving national cybersecurity and enhancing cyber frameworks and skills. Since 2016, eGA develops and manages the National Cyber Security Index (NCSI), ncsi.ega.ee, - a tool for measuring countries preparedness to mitigate cyber threats and manage cyber incidents, and build national cybersecurity capacity.

Estonian Centre for International Development (ESTDEV), estdev.ee, is a government-founded and funded organisation created to manage and implement Estonia's development cooperation programs and Estonia's participation in global development initiatives. Through partnerships and investments, ESTDEV aims to reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, build sustainable economies and help people emerge from humanitarian crises and progress beyond assistance. By sharing Estonia's successful reform experience in digital transformation, ESTDEV promotes safe, transparent and human-centric e-services in all areas.