



## NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING

**RESIDENT: N/A**  
**MOBILE: P309195**

**ELIGIBLE FUNDING: IMET, FMF/FMS**  
**CERTIFICATION: PME**

The purpose of this course is to discuss national security planning as a process as well as how it needs to produce a viable policy tool to be used in the governance of democracy. Participants examine national security policy with an emphasis on the contemporary nature of security; highlighting the importance of a clearly articulated policy in driving roles and missions, force structure, and determining resource priorities. Course participants will determine how a well-considered national security policy can clearly define what it is that government wants the armed forces to do. In the capstone exercise, participants will prepare a draft national security policy.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Understand the concept of national security planning and its purpose in a democracy
- ◆ Appreciate that all democracies conduct national security planning in their own unique fashion
- ◆ Learn lessons in national security planning based on a series of case studies
- ◆ Have a deep knowledge of national security planning vice participation in a simulation
- ◆ Experience designing national security policy via identifying political, financial, and military challenges

### TOPICS

The course curriculum is richly developed from professional experience in the field and a deep study of the literature. As such, it is highly adaptable to customizing for countries, thereby addressing specific topics that are a priority to partner nations' senior leadership. Instruction is highly interactive and uses simulations and exercises to delve into country-specific issues which enables the course to discuss and determine practical solutions. If agreed, the results can be formatted as a briefing for senior leadership. Possible modules include:

- ◆ The role of national security planning in democracies: case studies
- ◆ Comparative national security planning policies and techniques
- ◆ Developing national security planning policy and models: Latvia, Poland, and Romania
- ◆ Simulation: Understanding the challenges of national security planning
- ◆ Designing national security policy: identifying the challenges and lessons learned
- ◆ Resource implications of national security policies

### PARTICIPANTS

Participants are selected by the host government and country team. Numbers can range from 24 to 30. Half the total should be military with the other half composed of civilian and civil society. Rank and position can vary, but participation should be more more dependent on responsibility rather than rank.



## FACULTY

ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government's security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

ISG can accept most types of US government funding. Courses are typically funded by IMET, FMF, FMS, CTIWFP, PKO, and other DoD-wide O&M funds (333, MSI, etc) on a case-by case basis. Cost estimates can be obtained by contacting ISG.

## ABOUT ISG

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The Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is a global security cooperation organization established to build partner capability and grow the field and practice of institutional capacity building (ICB). Located in Monterey, California, ISG serves as the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)'s primary resource for ICB integration and implementation, project scoping and design, and education and advising expertise.

This course is a key component of ISG's 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into a exciting and rich classroom environment.