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Invitation

Dear Rectors, (Rector-) Commandants, Superintendents, Deans!

Dear members of the scientific community, experts and stakeholders!

The topic of the Theresian Military Academic Forum (TMAF) 2026 is **"Training 2.0: EMBRACING EMERGING TECH TO EDUCATE TOMORROW'S OFFICERS"**. The forum will take place in Wiener Neustadt from 4th - 8th May 2026.

The TMAF is a scientific symposium that seeks to widen the transfer of knowledge and develop the necessary skills, responsibility, and autonomy inherent to a professional military education. The TMAF will include a general orientation and a cyber specialisation conceived to help military leaders to be prepared for future challenges.

The TMAF aims to create awareness of the unique characteristics of military leadership as a precondition for teaching, knowledge acquisition, and the development of military-scientific capacities. Different perspectives and reflections on leadership serve to optimise the development of our graduates' required military leadership abilities, thus enabling them to manage the changing civilian and military environments.

We are honoured to invite a delegation from your institution to this event. We believe that events such as the TMAF are important in imparting comprehensive perspectives on military art and science to young officers and future graduates.

We invite up to three participants from your institution (preferably a senior, a junior military lecturer/researcher, and a cadet or midshipman) to participate in the forum. Please find details in the attached annexes or on our homepage www.milak.at/en/tmaf2026.

We kindly request that you confirm your participation by 22nd March 2026.

I look forward to welcoming your delegation to Austria.

Yours's sincerely,



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