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Colonel Jussi Kosonen is the Director of the Finnish National Defence Courses, having held this position since July 2024. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading courses to educate high level participants from all areas of society on comprehensive security and national resilience.

The National Defence Courses have a history since 1961 and they are a respected institution within Finnish society. Before being a director, he has three decades of experience across Defence in Finland as well as in international operations. Some of his previous roles include Commander of Utti Jaeger Regiment, Commander of Special Jaeger Battalion and several staff officer positions in Defence and Army Commands. During his career, colonel Kosonen has completed multiple international tours in Afghanistan, Middle-East and in European Union battle group. He is also a doctoral student in University of Jyväskylä having his research focus on knowledge-based decision making in comprehensive security ecosystem.