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## **TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS FOR THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE SECTOR**

Training specialists for the security and defense sector is extremely important in the modern world, as ensuring national security is one of the key functions of any country. The development of innovative technologies, growing threats in cybersecurity and terrorist attacks, as well as geopolitical tensions create a need for highly qualified specialists who can effectively counter these challenges. The training of specialists for the security and defense sector is carried out in higher education institutions with specific training conditions, which are subordinated to the relevant central executive authorities, and has its own peculiarities, as this industry requires not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills, the ability to make strategic decisions and work in extreme conditions.

High-quality training of specialists in this area requires a comprehensive approach and consideration of various aspects. First, it is important to provide professional education and training that meets modern standards and requirements. Training programs should cover a wide range of disciplines, such as political science, military strategy, cybersecurity, international relations, and others, which will allow for in-depth theoretical knowledge in the field of security and defense. Education should stimulate critical thinking, analytical skills and the ability to make important strategic decisions. Further, due attention should be paid to practical training [1].

Students should be given the opportunity to gain experience at training ranges, simulation centers, and under the guidance of experienced professionals in various areas of security and defense. This will help them to gain practical skills and experience that can be applied in real-world settings. It is also important to develop leadership and communication skills in future professionals. Professionals in the security and defense sector must be able to lead and coordinate a team in extreme conditions, as well as be able to communicate effectively with various stakeholders. Training for the security and defense sector should also include elements of ethics and professionalism. Professionals should understand the importance of complying with laws and international standards in their activities, as well as demonstrate a high level of morality and responsibility. International cooperation and exchange of experience between countries in the field of security and defense is equally important. Establishing international exchange and cooperation programs will allow experts from different countries to learn from each other, share best practices and develop joint strategies to counter threats [2].

In general, high-quality training for the security and defense sector requires a balance between theoretical education and practical skills, development of leadership and communication skills, as well as the consolidation of ethical principles and professional standards. Only such a comprehensive approach will allow to form highly qualified specialists who will be ready to effectively face modern challenges in the security and defense sector.

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