

Candidate experience

First WINS Academy Graduate in Nuclear Security Executive Management

“Basic training for security is easy to find, but when we talk specifically about the security of nuclear facilities, the reality is a little bit different. In Finland, we have a pretty good network and numerous cooperation opportunities between the private security sector, nuclear facilities and different authorities. We also have a high quality education system. One thing is missing though: basic training for nuclear security. I faced this problem after over ten years of service in the military and police forces, and after a couple of years at a nuclear power plant. During the summer 2014 I discovered WINS, and started a WINS Academy e-learning course. First I completed and passed the Foundation Module, and after that I chose the Elective Module for Executive Managers.

Although I have a fairly good understanding of security operations, I felt that I could benefit from additional experience and knowledge about the nuclear industry and security management. Because of a possible change in my future career, WINS personnel recommended that I complete the Certification Programme for Executive Managers. Now, having passed both the Foundation Module and the Elective Module for Executive Managers, I must admit that I have gained a lot of new ideas and perspectives. I found it very interesting and beneficial. As shown in the Elective, combining security and business is very important nowadays. It is crucial to know how to speak the business language and how to prove to others that your security programme is effective.

The e-learning course itself was easy to use. It was very important to have the WINS Best Practice Guides online, as well as other important documents. There was also a great list of additional reading included, which I found very beneficial for future needs. Although I'm not a native English speaker, I didn't meet any insuperable language difficulties during the training course or exams.

I would like to thank the personnel of the WINS Academy for their positive and very supportive attitude. I personally hope that experts from different countries and organizations will participate in these WINS Academy courses. This is one way to establish and develop a nuclear security culture worldwide.”

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