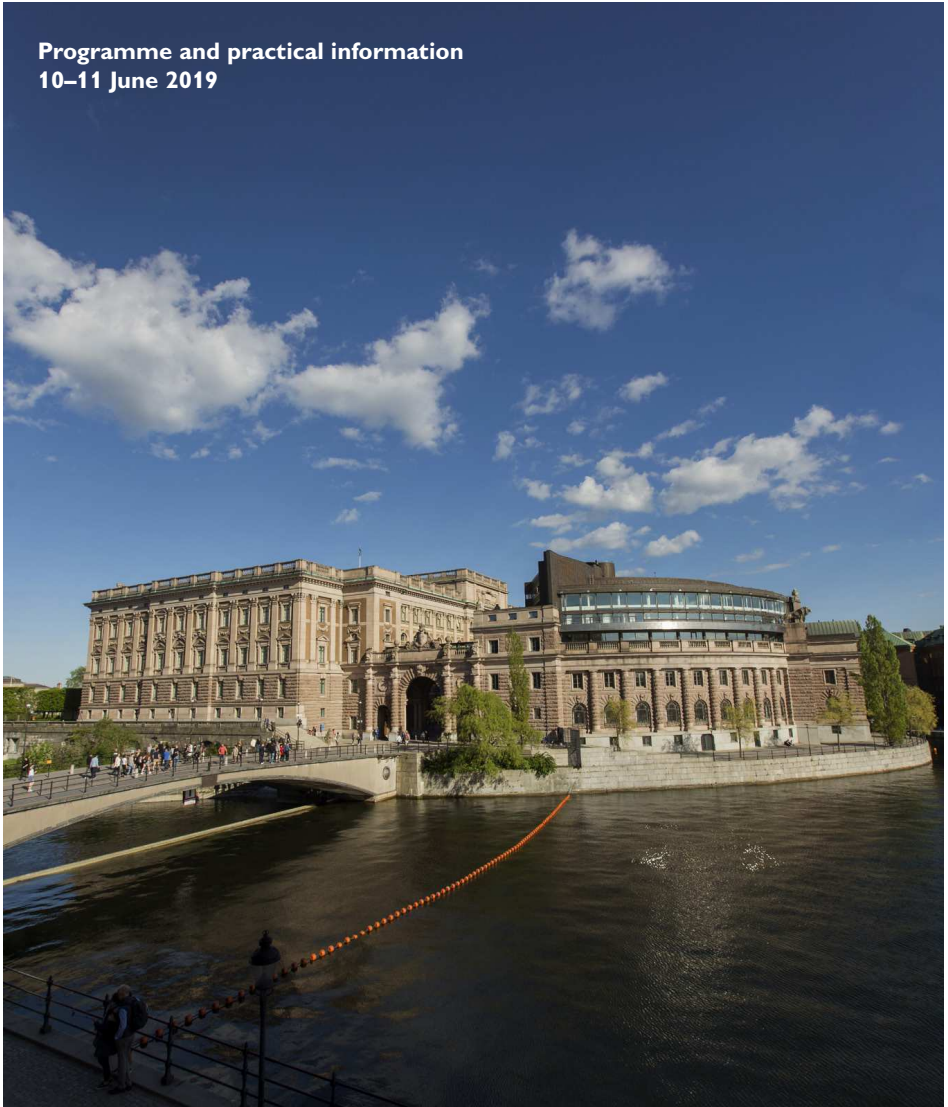


The Committee on Defence

The 2019 Annual Security and Defence Forum of the Defence Committees

**Programme and practical information
10–11 June 2019**



Programme

MONDAY 10 JUNE

(Attire: smart casual)

- Check in at First Hotel Reisen, Old Town, Stockholm
- Lunch in private
- 14.00 Departure by bus from First Hotel Reisen, Old Town, Stockholm
- 15.00 Visit to the Swedish Home Guard Combat School (HvSS)
(parts of the programme will be held outdoors)
- 18.00 Departure by boat from HvSS
- Official dinner on board with guest speaker Mr Dag Hartelius, Director General, National Defence Radio Establishment (the Swedish national authority for signals intelligence)
- 21.15 Arrival in the Old Town, Stockholm

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

(Attire: business suit)

- Check out
- 08.40 Joint walk to the Swedish Parliament
- 09.00 Opening remarks by Ms Beatrice Ask, Chair of the Committee on Defence
- 09.15 *Development of Defence Capabilities in Sweden*
Supreme Commander Micael Bydén, the Swedish Armed Forces

- 10.00 *What is a Resilient Society?*
Mr Nils Svartz, Senior Advisor, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 *Security of Supply and Critical Dependencies – Challenges in the Interface between State and Industry*
Ms Elisabeth Nilsson, Head of Commission of Inquiry on Security of Supply of Sweden's Total Defence, Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, Honorary Doctor
- 12.00 Buffet lunch
- 13.00 *European Defence Fund - Challenges and Opportunities*
Mr Jan-Olof Lind, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence
- 13.45 Conclusion and closing remarks
- 14.15–15.15 Optional – guided tour of the Swedish Parliament
Departure of delegations

Practical information

Registration

The delegations from each country are kindly asked to confirm their participation by registering [here](#). The deadline for registration is 6 May.

Venue

On the first day of the Forum, the programme will take place at the Swedish Home Guard Combat School (HvSS) located in Vällinge, west of Stockholm. The school trains Home Guard commanders in combat and leadership, and specialises in tactics, methodologies and combat techniques. The school is also responsible for recruitment to the Home Guard. Transport will be provided to the HvSS from the recommended hotel at 2 p.m. on Monday 10 June.

The second day of the Forum will take place at the Swedish Parliament, a 10-minute walk from the recommended hotel. All delegates are kindly requested to **bring a photo ID** to enter the Parliament. During the day, there will be opportunities to discuss some current topics such as the creation of resilient societies and the development of the European Defence Fund. The official programme will end at 2 p.m., after which there will be an optional tour of parliament.

Official dinner

The Swedish Defence Committee will host a dinner on Monday 10 June at 6 p.m. The dinner will take place on board the boat M/S Gustaf III, departing directly from the HvSS. During the dinner cruise towards Stockholm city centre we will be joined by guest speaker Director General Dag Hartelius from [the National Defence Radio Establishment](#) (the Swedish national authority for signals intelligence).

After the dinner, the boat will arrive at Stockholm Old Town, just a short walk from the recommended hotel.

Accommodation

A block booking has been made at [First Hotel Reisen](#), at a special rate. The hotel is located in Stockholm Old Town, a 10-minute walk from the Swedish Parliament. The price per room is SEK 1608 (€ 155) per night, including taxes, breakfast, wireless internet and use of relax centre and fitness room. It is possible, on a first come, first served basis, to book rooms with a sea view at an additional cost of SEK 500 per room.

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Please contact the hotel directly at reisen@firsthotels.se for room reservations no later than 6 May and state the promotion code -08RIK100619A. Cancellation of booked rooms will be subject to the hotel's cancellation policy.

Transport

Delegations are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transport from and to the airport. Arlanda International Airport is located 43 km from the recommended hotel. We recommend that you travel to Stockholm from the airport by [taxi](#) or [high-speed train](#).

Transport to and from the HvSS will be provided by the Swedish Parliament. No transport will be arranged between the hotel and the Swedish Parliament, as it takes just 10 minutes to walk between the locations.

Language

The Forum will be held in English. If your delegation intends to bring its own interpreter, please send an email to one of the organisers below.

Contact information

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