

Annual Security and Defence Forum of the Defence Committees of Nordic and Baltic Sea Countries

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Programme

**At the invitation of the Chairwoman of the German Bundestag's
Defence Committee, Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann,
Member of the Bundestag**

Delegations from

**Denmark
Estonia
Finland
Germany
Latvia
Lithuania
Norway
Poland
Sweden**

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Programme

Sunday, 14 May 2023

Delegations arrive at the
Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt
- Ella-Trebe-Straße 5 -

18:45 hrs Delegations are welcomed
and met by the Secretariat

Thereafter Walk to the
Zollpackhof restaurant
- Elisabeth-Abegg-Str. 1 -

19:00 – 21:30 hrs **Informal joint dinner**
Participants will pay for themselves

Monday, 15 May 2023

- 8:30 hrs** Guests are welcomed by the Secretariat in the **lobby of the Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt** and will receive their admission passes for the German Bundestag
- Ella-Trebe-Straße 5 -
- 8:40 hrs** Walk to the **German Bundestag**
Room 2.700, Paul Löbe Building
- Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 2 -
- 8:55 hrs** Group photo
in front of Room 2.700, Paul Löbe Building
- 9:00 hrs** Welcome and opening of the conference by the Chairwoman of the Defence Committee, **Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, Member of the Bundestag**
- 9:05 hrs** Introduction of the delegations and discussion (tour de table)
- Priorities in current defence and security policy -
- 9:45 hrs** Coffee break
- 10:00 hrs** Discussion
with the Vice Chief of Defence of the Bundeswehr,
Lieutenant General Markus Laubenthal
- 11:00 hrs** Discussion
with the Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office,
Dr Anna Lührmann,
Member of the Bundestag

11:45 hrs	Light lunch in front of Room 2.700, Paul Löbe Building
12:25 hrs	Guests leave the Paul Löbe Building via the West Entrance
12:30 hrs	Proceed to Berlin-Brandenburg airport (BER, military section)
13:15 hrs	Arrival at Berlin-Brandenburg airport (BER, military section)
Thereafter	Check-in and safety briefing
13:30 hrs	Flight by military air transport (helicopter, likely CH-53) to the Army Combat Training Centre in Gardelegen
14:15 hrs	Arrival at the Army Combat Training Centre in Gardelegen
Thereafter	Welcome by the Chief of the Army, Lieutenant General Alfons Mais
14:20 hrs	Situation briefing by the Chief of the Army, Lieutenant General Alfons Mais , and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the German Army • Significance of land forces within the framework of national and Alliance defence • Implementation of NATO summit decisions and impact for land forces

- 14:50 hrs** Briefing on
the **Army Combat Training Centre**
- Including introduction to
- exercises in practice
 - the evaluation centre and
 - systems technology
- 15:40 hrs** Transfer to
Altmark Military Training Area
- Thereafter** Observing an exercise in practice (dynamic
part) and presentation of weapons systems
- including attending a meeting and
where possible, conversations with soldiers
- 16:45 hrs** Introduction to the
Schnögersburg urban training environment
with static display equipment from the
Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF)
Brigade 2023
- including conversations with soldiers from
the 37 Armoured Infantry Brigade of the
10 Armoured Division
- 17:25 hrs** Closing discussion and bidding farewell
from the Chief of the Army,
Lieutenant General Alfons Mais
- Thereafter** Transfer to **helipad**
- 17:30 hrs** Flight by military air transport
(helicopter, likely CH-53)
back to **Berlin-Brandenburg airport**
(BER, military section)

18:15 hrs Arrival at
Berlin-Brandenburg airport
(BER, military section)

Thereafter Proceed to the
Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt
- Ella-Trebe-Straße 5 -

19:45 hrs Guests are met at the hotel by the Secretariat
and walk to the
Paris-Moskau restaurant
- Alt-Moabit 141 -

20:00 – 22:00 hrs Dinner at the invitation of the
Chairwoman of the Defence Committee,
Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann,
Member of the Bundestag

Tuesday, 16 May 2023

- 8:40 hrs** Guests are met
at the **lobby of**
the Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt
for pick-up by the Secretariat
- Ella-Trebe-Straße 5 -
- Luggage can be left at the hotel
- 8:45 hrs** Walk to the
German Bundestag
Room 2.700, Paul Löbe Building
- Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 2 -
- 9:00 hrs** Discussion
on current issues of defence and security
policy with heads of research groups
at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik –
German Institute for International and
Security Affairs (SWP)
Dr Margarete Klein and Dr Pia Fuhrhop
- 10:00 hrs** Coffee break
- 10:15 hrs** Discussion
with the Deputy Military Representative
from Germany to NATO and the EU
(Chief of Staff),
Brigadier General Andreas Durst
- 11:15 hrs** Chairwoman of the Defence Committee,
Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann,
Member of the Bundestag bids the guests
farewell

Thereafter Light lunch
in front of Room 2.700, Paul Löbe Building

Departure

12:00 hrs Optional for those who are interested:
90-minute tour of the plenary chamber and dome in English
Meeting in front of Room 2.700,
Paul Löbe Building

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3. Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt
4. Zollpackhof
5. Restaurant Paris Moskau



