



DRAFT VERSION 3

Swedish-Dutch Defence, Security and Aeronautics Innovation Day 30th of March 2022

Venue: the Netherlands embassy in Stockholm

On the 23rd of May 2019 the bilateral MOU between SOFF and NIDV was signed in The Hague on the Swedish-Dutch Defence, Security and Aeronautics Innovation Day. To follow-up on this fruitful day we will organize the 2022 edition in Stockholm on the 30th of March 2022.

The day serves to leverage the strong complementarity between the Dutch and Swedish defence industrial and technological systems, now that collaboration in the EU and among like-minded partners is more necessary than ever.

Through a workshop in the form of a B2B networking we will follow-up and explore the potential for new collaboration between Dutch and Swedish industry.

The Innovation day will be followed by a so called EDF Mission where incoming Dutch parties will sit with the relevant Swedish parties in order to explore the possibility of establishing consortia for specific second (or later) round EDF calls.

We like to invite you already on the 29th of March for a reception at the residence of the Dutch Ambassador, Mr. Bengt van Loosdrecht. The reception will be held from 17:00 to 19:00 and it will be a great opportunity to meet each other and expand your network.

On the 30th, the conference will start with a morning session dedicated to the complementary value of the Netherlands and Sweden, EDF in general, and the relevant calls for Sweden and the Netherlands specifically.

After the morning session, the Embassy of the Netherlands will host a lunch with a keynote speech from the Swedish Ministry of Defence: State Secretary Jan-Olof Lind.

During the afternoon session we will focus on innovation; which collaboration projects are successful? What are the future threats and how can innovation help us address these? What is the role of the knowledge institutes in comparison to the R&D departments of the companies? And last but not least, how can we intensify collaboration in the triple helices of the Netherlands and Sweden in order to form a stronger and sustainable partnership for the future?

We will close the day with a reception to wrap it up.

30 March 2022

08:30 Registration at the Embassy of the Netherlands, Götgatan 16a, Stockholm

Official opening by Ambassador Mr. Bengt van Loosdrecht

09:00 – 11:30 **The European Defence Fund (EDF)**

1. **Setting the scene: Current status of European Defence policies & industry:** Calle Håkansson, the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI).
2. **Panel discussion: the EDF so far:** NIDV (Ron Nulkes) & SOFF (Niklas Alm) discuss their experience about the EDF so far. Moderated by Matilda Karlsson, SOFF.
3. **DAMEN:** examples of successful collaboration within the European frameworks between Sweden and the Netherlands.
4. **Panel discussion: EDF round 3 and beyond:** The possibilities for Sweden and the Netherlands from a Ministry of Defence perspective. Moderated by: Matilda Karlsson, SOFF.

11.30: 13:00 **Lunch & keynote from State Secretary Jan-Olof Lind & State Secretary Christophe van der Maat (TBC)**

13.00 – 17:00 **Dutch-Swedish Defence and Security Innovation Seminar.**

1. **Update current collaborations between the knowledge institutes TNO-FOI :**
(Speakers: TNO: Frans Kleyheeg, FOI: TBD. Moderated by Pyke Polderman (TBD))
2. **Panel discussion: future threats and challenges about the following topics:**
 - A) Cybersecurity, crypto (offence & defense) Cyber Toolbox
 - B) Disruptive Technologies
 - C) Space, the next battlefield
 - D) Swarms, in the air and underwaterSpeakers: (TBC)
3. **Climate change and sustainability within the Defence Industry**
Presentation by Jan Terlouw, Director of Saab NL and sustainability leader.
Presentation by Tom Middendorp, Chairman Committee International Military Committee on Climate and Security.
Q&A with the audience
4. **Panel discussion: the role of SME's within the EDF and the Defence industry**
Speakers: (TBC) Moderated by Niklas Alm, SOFF
5. **Closing remarks & next steps**

17:00 End of seminar

17.00 – 18:30 Reception, drinks and snacks in the same room

Overview of the complete program

Tuesday 29 March 2022

17:00 – 19:00 Ice breaker reception at the Residence of Ambassador Mr. Bengt van Loosdrecht

Wednesday 30 March 2022

08:30 – 18:00 Defence Innovation conference at the Dutch Embassy in Stockholm

Thursday 31 March 2022 EDF Mission

09:00 – 17:00 EDF mission – matchmaking at the Dutch Embassy

Friday 1 April EDF Mission

09:00 – 14:00 EDF mission – on-site company visits in and around Stockholm

EDF Mission Information:

Focus on the following themes where there is a clear shared interest between Sweden and the Netherlands:

1. *Space*
2. *Underwater Warfare*
3. *Digital Transformation*
4. *Materials and Components*

There are more themes where there seems to be a shared interest between Sweden and the Netherlands in the framework of the EDF but we think we need to focus. Nevertheless, if there are really good opportunities, we can take them into account. These other themes are:

- *Defence medical response, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN), biotech and human factors (MCBRN)*
- *Air combat*
- *Naval Combat*
- *Simulation and training*
- *Disruptive technologies*