



Koninkrijk der Nederlanden



Embassy of Sweden
The Hague

Invitation to Swedish-Dutch Defence, Security and Aeronautics Innovation Days 20th and 21st (22nd) of September 2023

Theme: Raising production and Supply chain resilience

On the 23rd of May 2019 a bilateral MOU was signed between the Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association (SOFF) and the Netherlands Industries for Defence & Security (NIDV) with the intention to start a Swedish-Dutch Defence, Security and Aeronautics Innovation Day.

Since then, two such events have been arranged; one online 2021 and one regular in Stockholm in March 2022. These events have showed the strong complementarity between the Dutch and Swedish defence industrial and technological systems. Collaboration in the EU, NATO and among like-minded partners is more necessary than ever.

You are hereby invited to the 2023 edition of Swedish-Dutch Defence, Security and Aeronautics Innovation Day which will take place in The Hague on 20-22 September.

On 20 September there will be an official opening by the Swedish Ambassador Johannes Oljelund and a high-level VIP event at the Ambassador's residence (by invitation only), followed by a reception for all participants to the Innovation Days, hosted by Ambassador Johannes Oljelund. The reception will provide an opportunity to meet each other and expand our network.

On 21 September, the conference will start with a morning session about ongoing Swedish-Dutch collaboration on defense industry innovation. In the afternoon there will be a B2B workshop to explore how to facilitate future collaboration. Issues to be discussed are; 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? How can we intensify collaboration in the triple helix of the Netherlands and Sweden in order to form a stronger and sustainable partnership for the future?

On 22 September, there will be an opportunity for on-site company visits in and around The Hague.

Welcome!

DRAFT PROGRAM

Wednesday 20 September 2023

Venue: *The Swedish Ambassador Johannes Oljelund's residence, Lange Voorhout 28, The Hague*

12:30 Registration

13:00 *Official opening by Ambassador Mr. Johannes Oljelund*

13:10 – 16:00 High level VIP event

1. **Setting the scene:** *Current status of European Defence.*
Frank Beckers, Haagse Centre Strategic Studies (TBC)
2. **Keynote Speaker:** *The possibilities and developments for Sweden and the Netherlands from a Dutch perspective (speaker from the Dutch Ministry of Defence TBC)*
3. **Keynote Speaker:** *The possibilities and developments for Sweden and the Netherlands from a Swedish perspective*
Mr. Peter Sandwall, State Secretary to Minister for Defence (TBC)
4. **Panel discussion: How do we achieve the next level of cooperation?**
Mr. Göran Mårtensson, The National Armament Directors of Sweden (TBC)
Mr. Arie Jan de Waard, The National Armament Directors of the Netherlands
Company representative from SE and NL.

Moderated by SOFF or NIDV (TBC).

17.30 – 19:00 Reception

Thursday 21 September 2023

Venue: *The Van der Valk Hotel - Gildeweg 1, 2632 BD, Nootdorp*

09.00 – 12:00 Dutch-Swedish Defence and Security Innovation Seminar

1. **09:10 – 09:30 Update current collaborations between the knowledge institutes**
TBD, TNO
TBD, FOI
2. **09:30 – 10:15 Panel discussion: future threats and challenges about the following topics:**
A) *Digital technologies on the battlefield*
B) *Related to Ukraine: Raising production, Supply chain resilience in EU, ammunition production.*
OME rep SWE
SME rep. NL
Gov representative NL and SWE (TBC)

Moderated by Hans Huigen, NIDV

Break: 10:15-10:45

3. 10:45 – 11:30 Discussion: the role of SME's within the EDF and other initiatives incl. the Defence industry Supply chains (Q&A)

Setting the scene: Claire Selbeck or Maartin Lutje Schipholt, NIDV

OEM representative NL and SWE (TBC)

SME representative NL and SWE (TBC)

Moderated by Niklas Alm, SOFF

4. 11:30 – 12:00 Closing remarks & next steps

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 17:00 Business to business meetings

Friday 22 September 2023

09:00 – 14:00 On-site company visits in and around The Hague including light lunch.

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