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European Young Professionals Defence **Summit**

27 - 28 October 2026 | Malmö, Sweden

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Day 1 | 11.30-19.00

11:30 – Registration opens, lunch & networking

13.00 | Welcome Remarks
Christina Wilen, Policy officer, European Commission DG DEFIS
Robert Limmergård, Secretary General, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association

13.10 Keynote | The Changing Security Environment in the Baltic Sea Region and the Importance of Sector Growth
Michael Claesson, Swedish Chief of Defence

13.40 Panel | Europe's Strategic Reality – Security, Technology and Critical Dependencies
Moderator: Ingrid Magnusson, Deputy Director for EU Affairs, Saab
Tobias Elling Rehfeld, Nordic Compass Track Lead for Defence
Ludvig Broomé, Analyst, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs
Elvira Bermudez Fernandez, Defence & Security Manager, ASD

14.15 Group Discussions
How do you see these challenges in practice? How do they manifest in your workplace? Are there specific capability gaps or needs? What does Europe need to improve in order to translate ambition into real capability?

14.30 Networking Break
Networking with thematic stands

15.15 Presentation | ENDR
Christina Wilen, Policy officer, European Commission DG DEFIS

15.35 Keynote | The Defence Market as a Deterrence
Raimondas Martinavicius, Chief Adviser of the Lithuanian Ministry of Economy and Innovation

15.55 Panel | The Defence Market as a Deterrence
Moderator: Evelina Hedskog, CEO, W5 Solutions
George Kyriakides, Director International Industrial Cooperation, MBDA Group
Morten Flindt, Deputy Director, DI Danish Defence and Security Industries
Raimondas Martinavicius, Chief Adviser of the Lithuanian of Economy and Innovation
Fran Ferrera, Director. Spain & EU Public Affairs (Defence & Security), Sopra Steria

16.30 Keynote |: A shifting geopolitical reality - implications for Europe and Defence
Jan Pie, Strategic Advisor, Diplomat Communication

Networking Reception

Day 2 | 09.30-14.00

09:00 – Registration opens & breakfast

9.30 Welcoming remarks
Robert Limmergård, Secretary General, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association

9.35 Presentation | EU Skills Report
Gabriel Jory, Policy officer, European Commission DG DEFIS

10.10 Group Discussions
The most pressing competence gaps, future workforce needs, and concrete measures to strengthen talent attraction, development, and retention across the defence sector.

10.25 Keynote | Europe's Defence Readiness: What Should the Next Generation Know?
Col. Klaus Schadenbauer, EUMS – Force Capability

10.50 Presentation | SAFE: Investing in Europe's Security and Competitiveness
Gabriela Tanasa, Policy Assistant, European Commission DG DEFIS

11.05 Networking Break
Networking with thematic stands

11.35 Keynote | From Technology to Operational Effect
Oleksandr Bornyakov, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Ukrainian Startup Fund

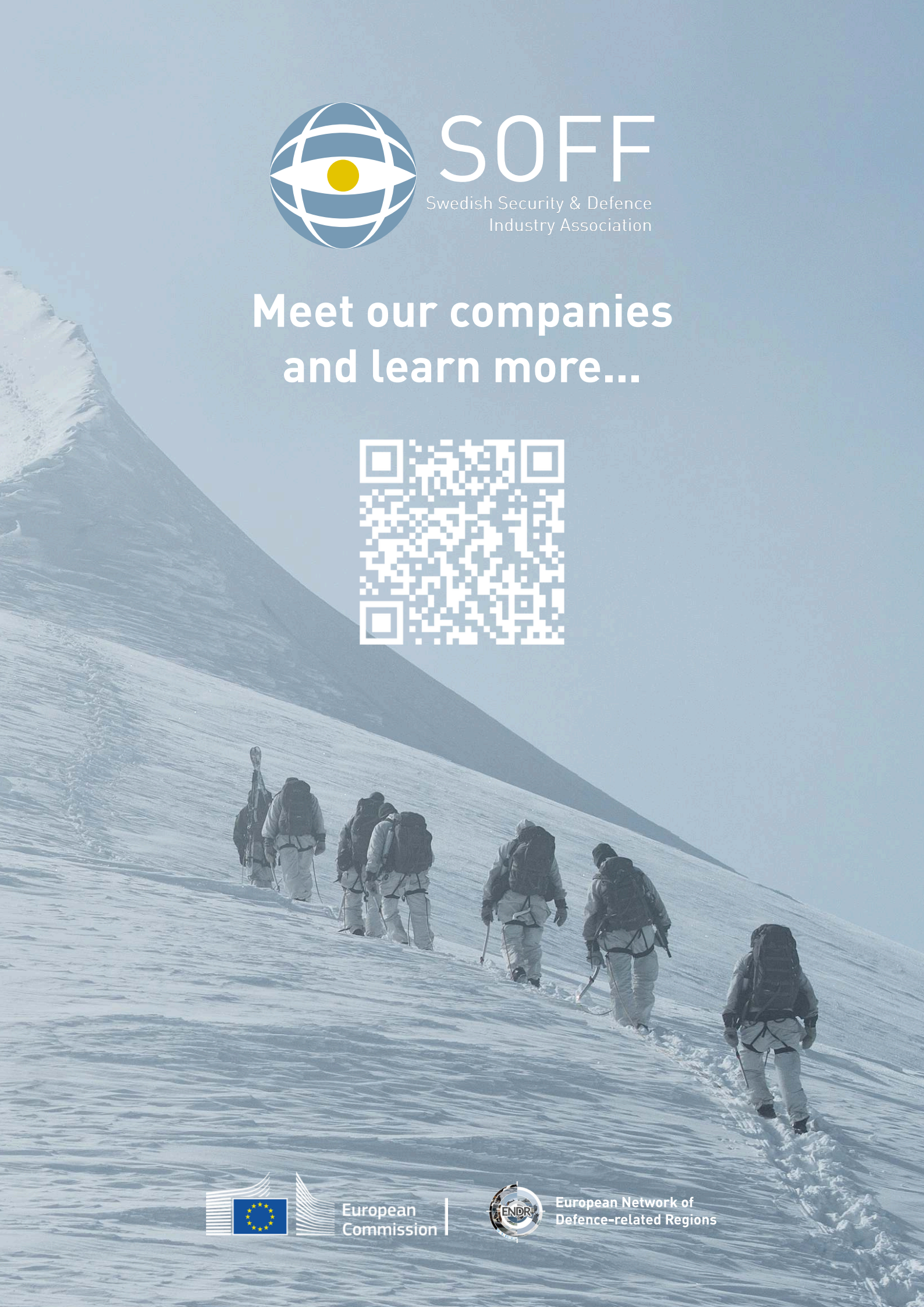
12.00 Panel | From Technology to Operational Effect
Moderator: Linnea Andersson Formgren, Desk Officer, Ministry of Defence
Roger Berg, Director of Technology Management, Saab Naval
Andreas Flodström, Founder, Beetroot
Lars Bo Larsen, Director, Danish National Defence Technology Centre

Final reflections and closing statements
12.40 Lunch & Networking with thematic stands

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