

NORWEGIAN-LATVIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY FORUM

Program

Time and Venue

- Date: March 28, 09:00-16:00
- Location: [Middelthuns gate 27, 0368 Oslo](#)
- 08:30-09:00 – *Registration & Coffee*

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION (09:00-09:30)

- 09:00-09:03 – Welcome remarks and introduction by **Ms Pamela Willgohs, Chairwoman of Norwegian Defence and Security Industry Association (FSI)**
- 09:03-09:08 – Opening speech by **H.E. Edgars Rinkēvičs, President of the Republic of Latvia**
- 09:08-09:13 – Opening speech by **H.E. Tore O. Sandvik, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway**
- 09:13-09:17 – Remarks by **Mr Eirik Lie, President of Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace AS**
- 09:17-09:21 – Remarks by **Mr Ugis Romanovs, CEO of Defence Partnership Latvia / Patria Latvia**
- 09:21-09:25 – Remarks by **Mr Fredrik Tangeraas, Senior Vice President of Communications, Nammo AS**

SESSION II: DEFENCE PLANS (09:30-10:55)

- 09:30-09:50 – Long-Term Defence Plans & Procurements: Norway by **Mr Rolf Kjos, National Armaments Director, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Defence**
- 09:50-10:00 – Q&A session
- 10:00-10:20 – Long-Term Defence Plans & Procurements: Latvia by **Maj. Gen. Andis Dilans, Undersecretary of State for Logistics, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia**
- 10:20-10:30 – Q&A
- 10:30-10:45 – Protecting the Critical Undersea Infrastructure: Risks and Strategic Responses by **Mr Magnus Lunde, Sales Director Defence Programs Europe in Kongsberg Discovery**
- 10:45-10:55 – International Drone Coalition: Uniting for Ukraine's Defence by **Maj. Gen. Andis Dilans, Undersecretary of State for Logistics, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia**
- 10:55-11:15 – *Coffee Break & Networking*

SESSION III: BUSINESS & SUPPLY CHAINS (11:15-13:05)

- 11:15-11:30 – Experience from Ukraine by **Mr Ketil Vanebo, Vice President at Teledyne FLIR Norway AS**
- 11:30-11:45 – Next Generation (UAS) Advancements: Lessons of Today's Conflict to Win the Future Fight by **Ms Natalja Lernere, Director of Business Development, Edge Autonomy**
- 11:45-12:00 – The Relevance of Communications Superiority in Recent and Future Conflicts by **Mr Raymond Sørderholm, CEO of Radionor Communications AS**
- 12:00-12:15 – First 5G Military Test Site in Europe: Opportunities for Regional Defence Ecosystem by **Mr Kaspars Pollaks, Director of LMT Defence**
- 12:15-12:30 – Vanguard Shipbuilding Project as a Catalyst for Closer Regional Cooperation by **Mr Karl Kristian Liavåg, Manager Business Development Naval Systems, Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace AS**
- 12:30-12:45 – Building Defence Capabilities Together: A Case Study of the Patria 6x6 by **Mr Ugis Romanovs, CEO of Defence Partnership Latvia / Patria Latvia**

The agenda is a preliminary draft and subject to change.

- 12:45-13:00 – Prospects of Regional Defence Industry Cooperation: Today and Beyond by **Mr Jussi Voutilainen, Vice President of Business Management, Baltic, Nammo AS**
- 13:00-13:05 – **Closing Remarks**

CONCLUDING PART: NETWORKING & B2B MEETINGS (13:05-16:00)

- 13:05-13:45 – *Lunch & Networking*
- 13:45-16:00 – *B2B meetings*

Organizers:

- Embassy of Latvia to Norway
- Norwegian Defence and Security Industry Association (FSI)
- Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA)

Key Partners:

- Ministry of Defence of Norway and Ministry of Defence of Latvia