

The Norwegian Defence Pledge

Long-term Defence Plan 2025-2036

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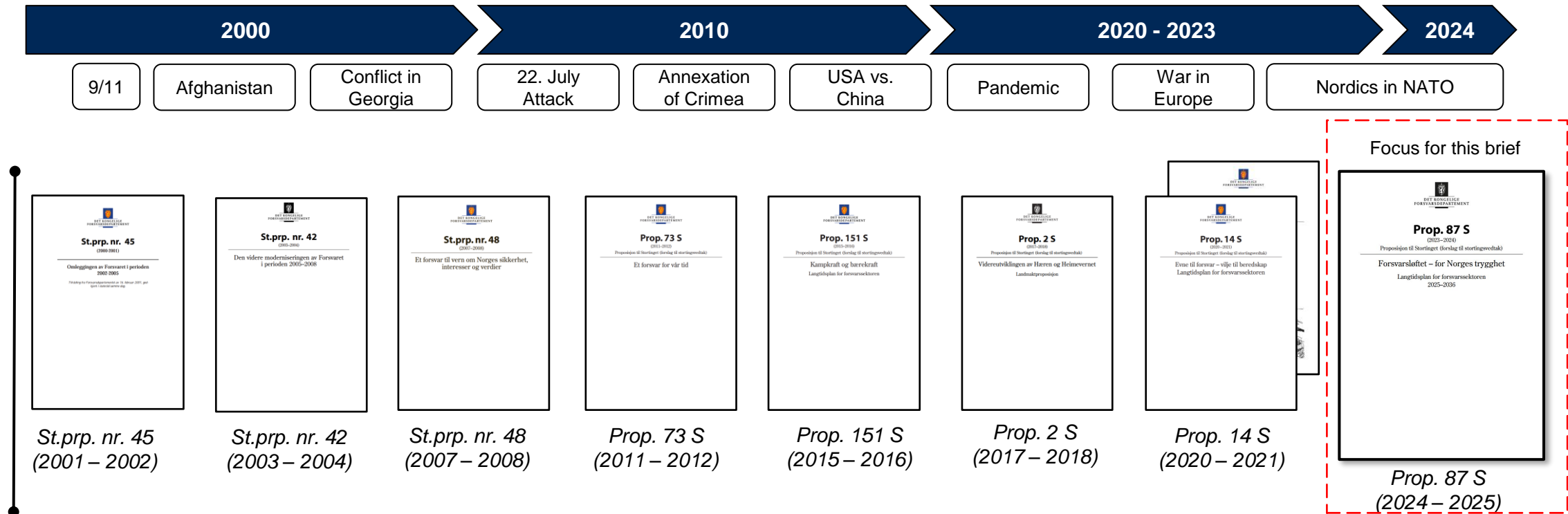
Langtidsplan for forsvarssektoren
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Historical development – governing political documents from the year 2000

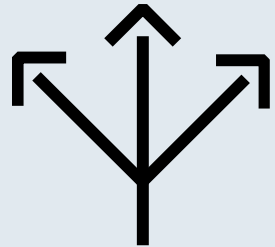


Long-term defence planning in a Norwegian context

- A tool to further develop the defence sector short – long term
- Establish security and defense policy objectives
- Aligned with NDPP and determines capability goals, defense structure, and further development of these
- Defines the long-term economic framework
- Adopted through the annual budget process



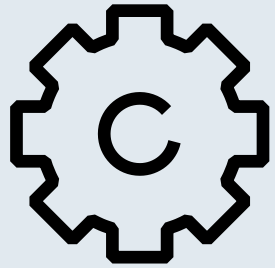
The Armed Forces must adapt to a new security situation and Norwegian defence policy must take on a clear strategic direction



We are not sufficiently prepared for the new strategic situation

- Emphasise the ability to **prevent and deter conflict** together with our allies
- Develop the Armed forces for **increased influence**
- Align the Armed Forces for **continuous effort with allies**
- Contribute **relevant combat capability** for the defence of Norwegian and allied security
- Underpin **NATO as a credible and effective guarantor** for Allied security
- Adapt the Armed Forces to contribute to **operational and technological relevance**

Norway's strategic priorities and defence policy are the basis for capability development



Critical national capabilities

Improve ability to:

- **gather, share, and convey** relevant **intelligence**, and establish and maintain continuous **situational awareness** and **presence in** Norwegian areas of interest
- **defend** Norwegian and/or allied territory in joint operations during crises and war over time, within a national and allied framework
- **protect** Norwegian and allied military capabilities, infrastructure, and critical societal functions
- **receive and move** allied forces and deploy national forces
- **lead and coordinate** Norwegian and allied forces in joint operations across all domains

Norwegian defence policy updated

Security- and defence policy objectives

The objective of Norwegian security- and defence policy is to defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity, people, democratic governance and our freedom against political, military and other forms of pressure by:

- Preventing armed conflict and the emergence of threats against Norwegian and allied security
- Defend Norway and allies against threats, attacks and invasion within an allied framework
- Further Norwegian security interests, such as peace, stability and a rules-based order

The Norwegian Defence Concept



Norwegian Armed Forces' tasks with associated ambitions

Task 1: Prevent and deter pressure, threats, and attacks against Norwegian and allied security based on NATO's collective defense.

Task 2: Monitor Norwegian areas of interest and timely notify relevant authorities about matters of importance for national and allied security.

Task 3: Defend Norway and allies against threats, strikes, and attacks.

Task 4: Assert Norwegian sovereignty and sovereign rights.

Task 5: Exercise authority in designated areas.

Task 6: Contribute militarily to international efforts.

Task 7: Provide military support for central societal tasks.



The government will address weaknesses and make considerable investments

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Prerequisites for growth

Critical weaknesses are addressed

Greater endurance

Improved living and working conditions

More personnel

Modernised ICT-infrastructure

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New capabilities

Prioritised investments

Enhanced situational awareness

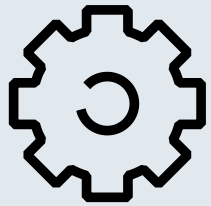
Replacement of the surface fleet

Increased capacity in the Army and Home Guard

Strengthened Air Defence

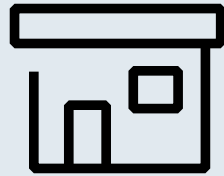


Prerequisites for growth | Weaknesses are rectified to lay the foundations for new investments



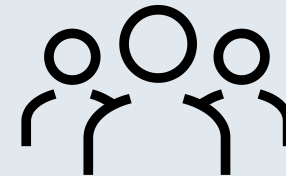
Materiel and logistics

Stocks of munitions, spare parts, fuel and equipment will be rapidly increased **to improve readiness**



Properties, buildings and facilities

Priority given to maintenance and renewal for better working and living conditions **for employees and conscripts**



Personnel and Competence

The Armed Forces will recruit more personnel to ensure **effective utilisation of the current structure**



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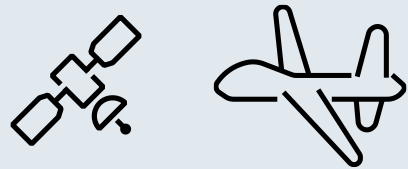
ICT infrastructure and Digital backbone are modernized and made more efficient to **increase operational capability**

Allied Reception Staging and Host Nation Support

The capacity to receive, support and sustain allied forces for the entire Nordic area will be strengthened

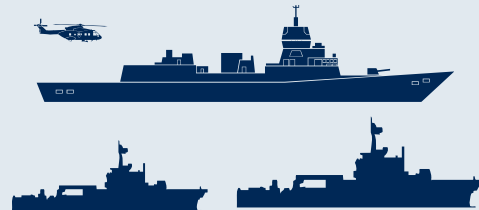


Main Priorities of the Defence Pledge



Situational Awareness

Enhancing situational awareness **in the High North**



Fleet plan 2024

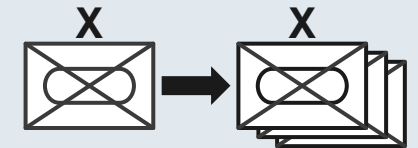


Replacement of the **surface fleet** and expanding procurement of **new submarines**



Air Defence

Increased volume and performance of **NASAMS-systems** and acquiring **Long-range Air Defence**



Land Forces

Expansion from one to **three combat brigades** in the Army and a more **robust Home Guard**

Replacement of the surface fleet | Fleet plan 2024

Procurement of **blue water frigates** through strategic partnership with a close ally.



Minimum of 5 x new frigates with ASW Heli

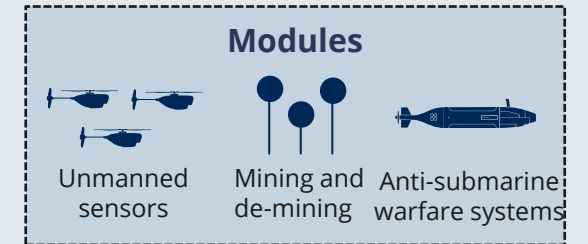
Development and procurement of a **standardised class of vessels** with modular weapon and sensor systems



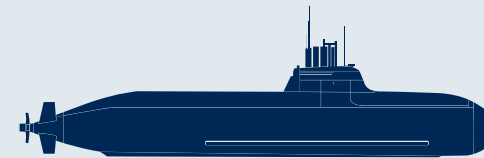
18 x Coastal standard vessel
6 for the Coast Guard and
12 for the Navy



10 x Ocean-faring vessel
6 for the Coast Guard and
4 for the Navy



Expanding procurement of **new submarines**



6 x 212CD submarine

Preconditions for the defence pledge

Boosting personnel and competence

Strategic measures to address personnel and competence challenges

Acquisitions and defence industry

Faster and more flexible procurements

Buildings and property

Increased pace and better implementation of construction projects

Civil-military cooperation

Improved civil-military cooperation and increased requirements to all sectors with a role in the total defence system

Climate, innovation and research

Strengthening research and development, emphasizing innovation and intensifying efforts to reduce emissions

Improved governance

Improved governance in order to adjust for a new security environment and the need for rapid expansion



A new way of thinking project governance in the defence sector



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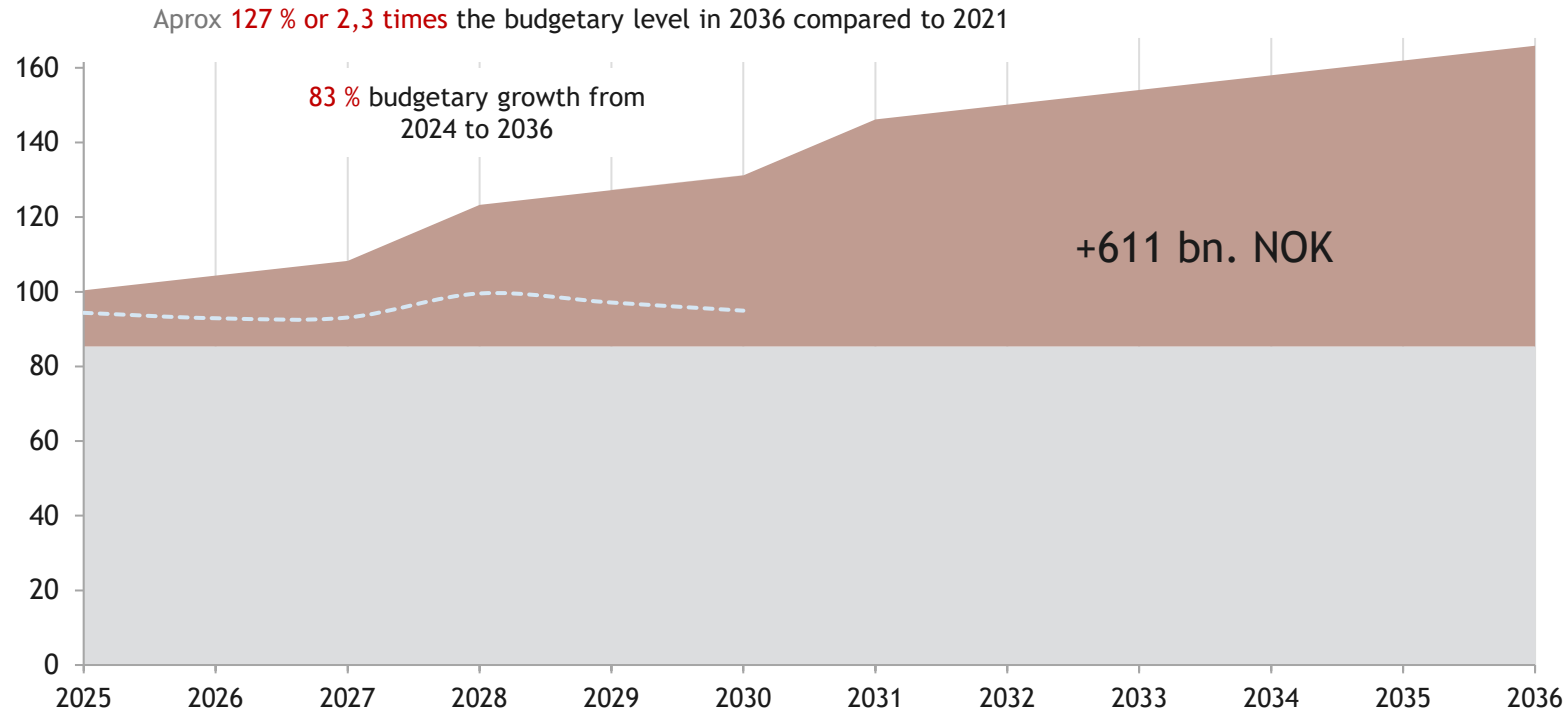
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- Political involvement
- Adjustments to legal framework
- Roles and responsibility
- Off the shelf products

Increased defence spending of +611 bn. NOK with three distinct increases – total of 1635 bn. NOK for development of Norwegian Armed forces towards 2036



- Three distinct increases of 15 bn. NOK
- Further budget increases at around 4. bn. NOK in the intermediate years
- Combined 1635 bn. NOK for defence purposes

Defence expenditures share of GDP²

2,07% 2,18% 2,25% 2,41% 2,54% 2,67%

2024 defence budget, without Nansen support program¹
 Increased defence spending in new long term defence plan
 2 % of GDP²

Economic trajectory
Numbers in bn. 2024-NOK

¹ 2024 defence budget at 90,8 bn. subtracted Nansen support program at 5,5 bn. = 85,3 bn.
² Based on GDP projections per March 2024. No available data beyond 2030.



A plan that will stand the test of time?

- One of the key aspects of this plan is how **deeply anchored** it is within the Norwegian political process.
- Long term plans have for the last decade been **followed up with the funds that have been agreed.**
- **Cross-party discussions** as part of the planning and decision process.
- A cross party **political settlement was reached** on **June 11th 2024.**



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Planned Development of the Norwegian Armed Forces from 2025

