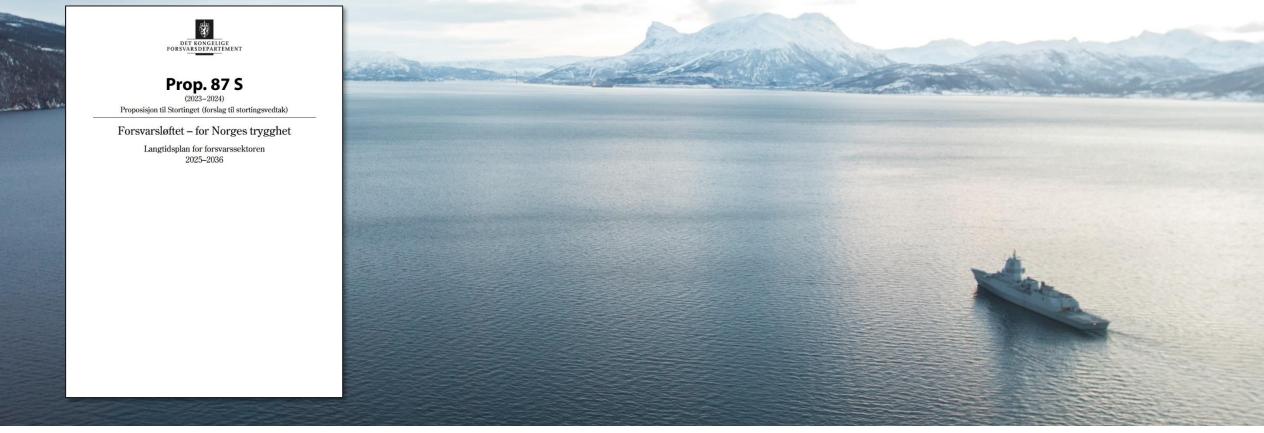
# The Norwegian Defence Pledge

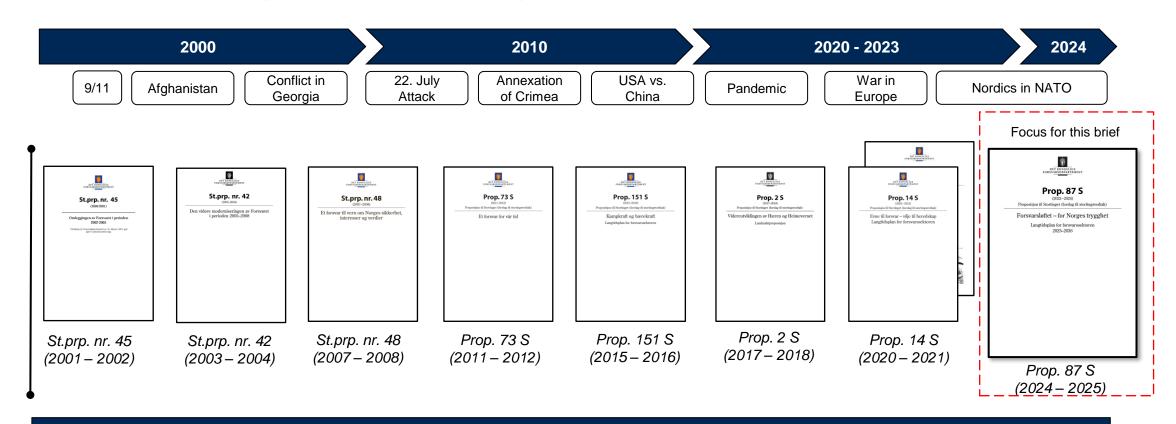
Long-term Defence Plan 2025-2036

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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

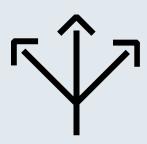
Establish security and defense policy objectives

Alligned 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:

domains

- 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

## Norwegian defence policy updated

# Security– and defence policy objectives

The objective of Norwegian securityand 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

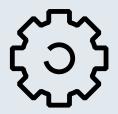
Enhanced situational awareness

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



#### **ICT**

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



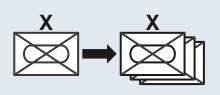
Replacement of the **surface** 

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

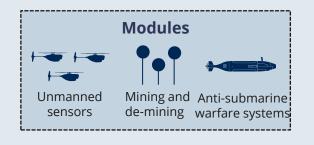
Procurement of **blue water frigates** through strategic partnership with a close ally.



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







Expanding procurement of **new submarines** 



## **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 cooporation and increased requirements to all sectors with a role in the total defence system
Climate, innovation and research	Strengthening research and development, emphasing 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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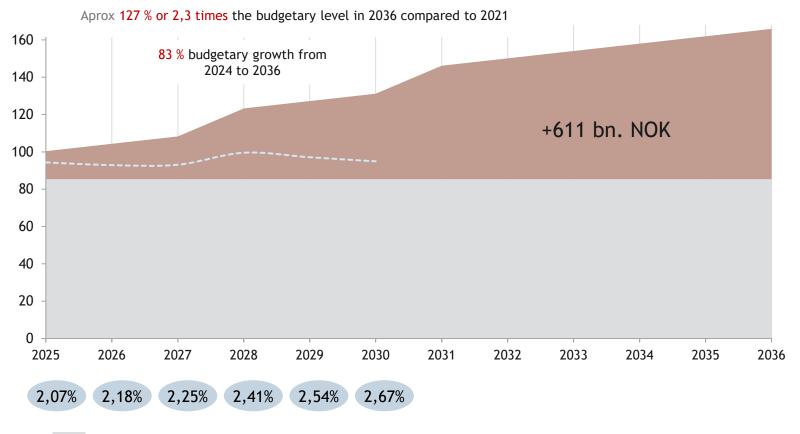
Proposisjon til Stortinget (forslag til stortingsvedtak)

#### Forsvarsløftet - for Norges trygghet

Langtidsplan for forsvarssektoren 2025–2036

- 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 og 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 GDP<sup>2</sup>

2024 defence budget, without Nansen support program<sup>1</sup>

Economic trajectory Numbers in bn. 2024-NOK

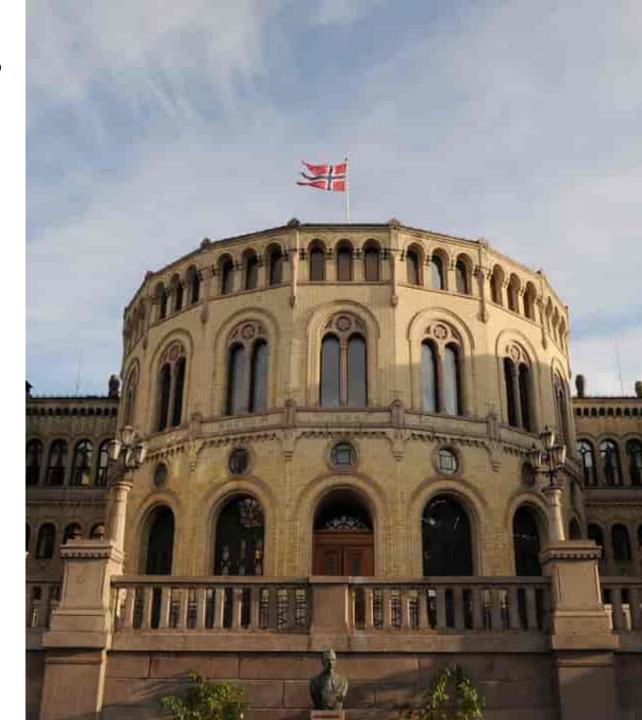
Increased defence spending in new long term defence plan 2024 defence budget at 90,8 bn. subtracted Nansen support program at 5,5 bn. = 85,3 bn.

2 Based on GDP projections per March 2024. No available data beyond 2030.

2 % of GDP<sup>2</sup>

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 2024.







	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	
	Ground Base	d Air Defence - Lanc	d supporting Ma	noeuvring Troops					NASAMS SII	rface Based A	ir and Missila	Defence	
THE										NASAMS Surface Based Air and Missile Defence Medium Range: Increased capacity			
NORWEGIAN	Finnmark L	Finnmark Land Defence development to Combat Brigade with three manoeuvre battalions											
ARMY		Combat Brigade South manned with reservists											
		Ground Deep Precision Strike (GDPS)											
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	Standardis	Standardised Maritime Vessels for Navy and Coast Guard											
	Modular Sy	Modular Systems for Surveillance, Naval Mine Countermeasures and Naval Mine Laying											
ROYAL	Frigate: up	Frigate: upgrade of Nansen-class frigates											
NORWEGIAN	Submarine	s: Strictly neces	ssary upgrad	le of Ula-class s	ubmarines								
NAVY					Introductio	n of minimum	five 212CD su	ubmarines					
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THE NORWEGIAN	Increased numb	per of Home Guard Task	k Groups and enha	nced capability to prot	ect coastal infrastr	ucture							
HOME GUARD	Increased	manning of Hon	ne Guard up	to 45 000, ann	ual training a	nd exercises o	of the whole I	Home Guard a	and introduction	on of new eq	Juipment		
THE NORWEGIAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	Introduction Special Opera	of maritime ations Task Group											
	Space Base	Space Based Communications- and Surveillance Capabilities											
						Increased ca	apacity for ta	ctical intellige	ence in the Ai	r Force and th	ne Navy		
CYBER, SPACE,	Upgrade o	Upgrade of digital backbone and increased capability of offensive and defensive cyber operations											
INTELLIGENCE AND COMBAT	Battle Dec	isive Munitions	and increase	ed sustainability									
SERVICE SUPPORT	Increased	Increased capability of Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration											
orwegian Ministry of Defence	Research a	Research and Development, Innovation and Technological renewal											
	Increased	Increased capacity in Combat Service Support, maintenance and Air-to-Air Refuelling											