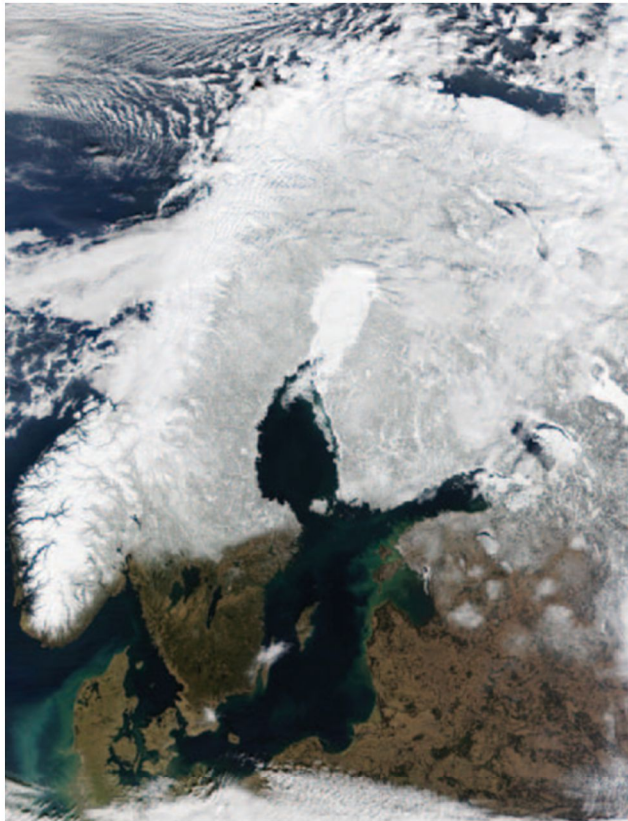


# SWEDISH ARMED FORCES

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- **Regional outlook**
- **The Defense Bill**
- **CHOD's Strategic Guidance**
- **Bilateral "design"**
- **Exercises**
- **International operations**
- **Q/A**

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# RELEVANCE OF THE NORDIC REGION



**The Western Region**

- Merchant shipping
- Gothenburg hub
- Oil/Gas
- Military activities

**The Barents Region:**

- Climate change
- Oil/Gas
- Fishing
- Merchant shipping
- Increased military activity

**The Baltic Sea Region**

- Energy Infrastructure
- 50 % of Russian sea trade
- Environmental challenges
- Historical influences
- Increased military activities

# Regional security

- ***2015 Nordic Defence Ministers' Joint Declaration:***
- **“Russia’s leader have shown that they are prepared to make practical and effective use of military means in order to reach their political goals, even when this involves violating principles of international law.”**

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# Regional security

- ***2015 Nordic Defence Ministers' Joint Declaration II:***
- **“Russia’s actions are the biggest challenge to European security.”**
- **“Russia’s propaganda and political maneuvering are contributing to sowing discord between nations and inside organizations like NATO and the EU.”**

# Our neighbourhood: increased strategic relevance



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# Sweden's 2015 defence bill

- **Raises Defence Budget due to regional security concerns.**
- **Increase of Defence Spending by 10,2 Billion SEK (1.07 Billion Euro) for the 2016-2020 period.**
- **Focus on Operational Effectiveness, both immediately and tomorrow.**
- **“Threshold effect” – Deterrence.**
- **Geographically focused.**
- **Emphasis on enhanced regional cooperation, partnerships, and the Transatlantic Link.**



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# CHOD's military strategic guidance 2016 -2020

- **Fundament:**
  - **Full Spectrum Operations against a qualified opponent**
- **Threshold Effect against armed attack**
- **Availability of Forces**
- **Security through Military Cooperation**
- **A credible Military Capability**

# CHOD's prioritized objectives

- **Increase Operational Effectiveness in general**
- **Development of JAS 39E, new Air Defence, decreased vulnerability of Airbases**
- **Initiate procurement of new medium-range Air Defense systems**
- **New Submarines and increased Anti-Submarine capabilities**
- **Increased Military Cooperation in Northern Europe**
- **Improvement of selected Command and Control components**

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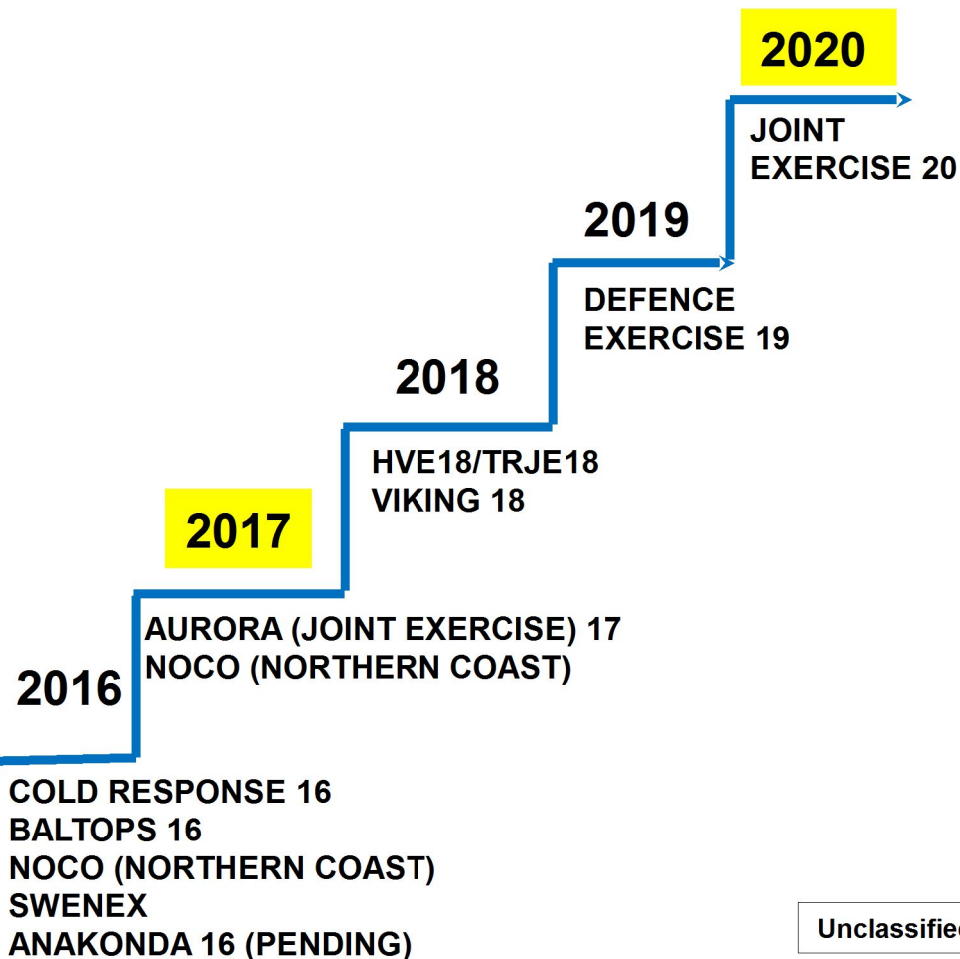
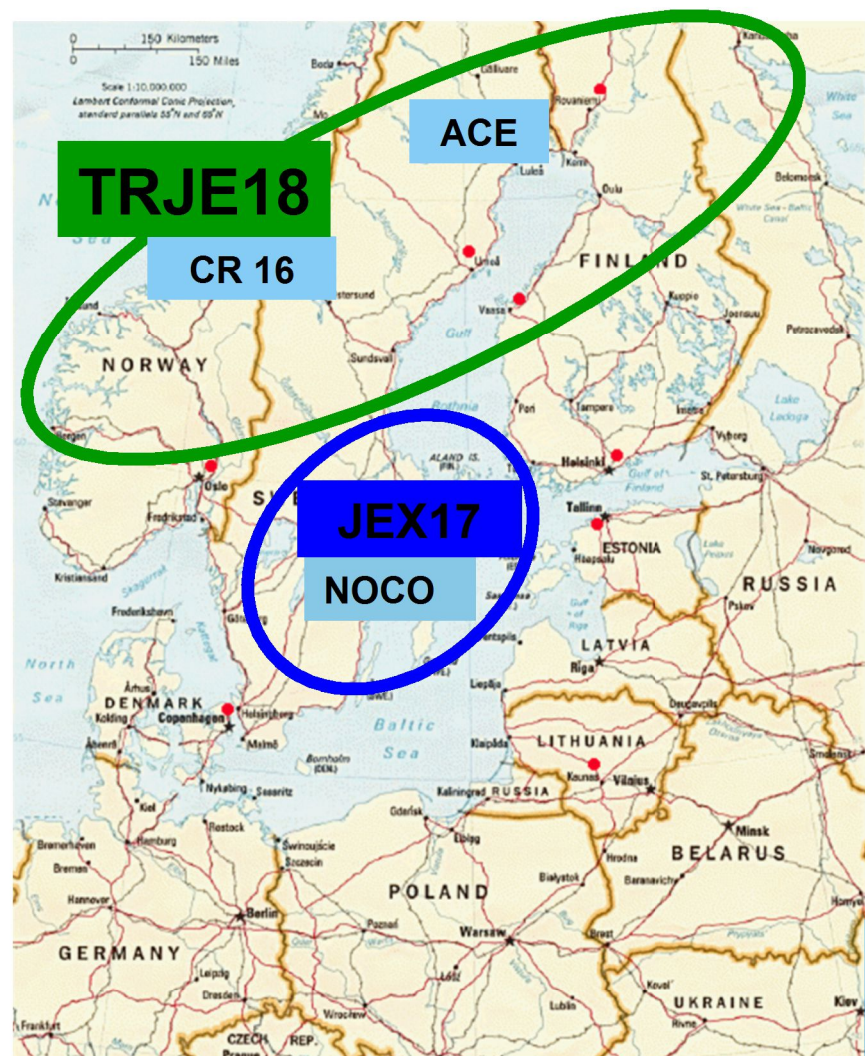


# Changed ambitions

- Increased ambition concerning “Whole of Government approach” (Total Defense)
- Adapted ambition concerning international Crisis Management Operations
- The island of Gotland constitutes *one* of several areas of strategic importance to Sweden
- Development of Command and Control and Logistics in order to better support the Army’s Brigade structure
- Increased ambition concerning Cyber capabilities.

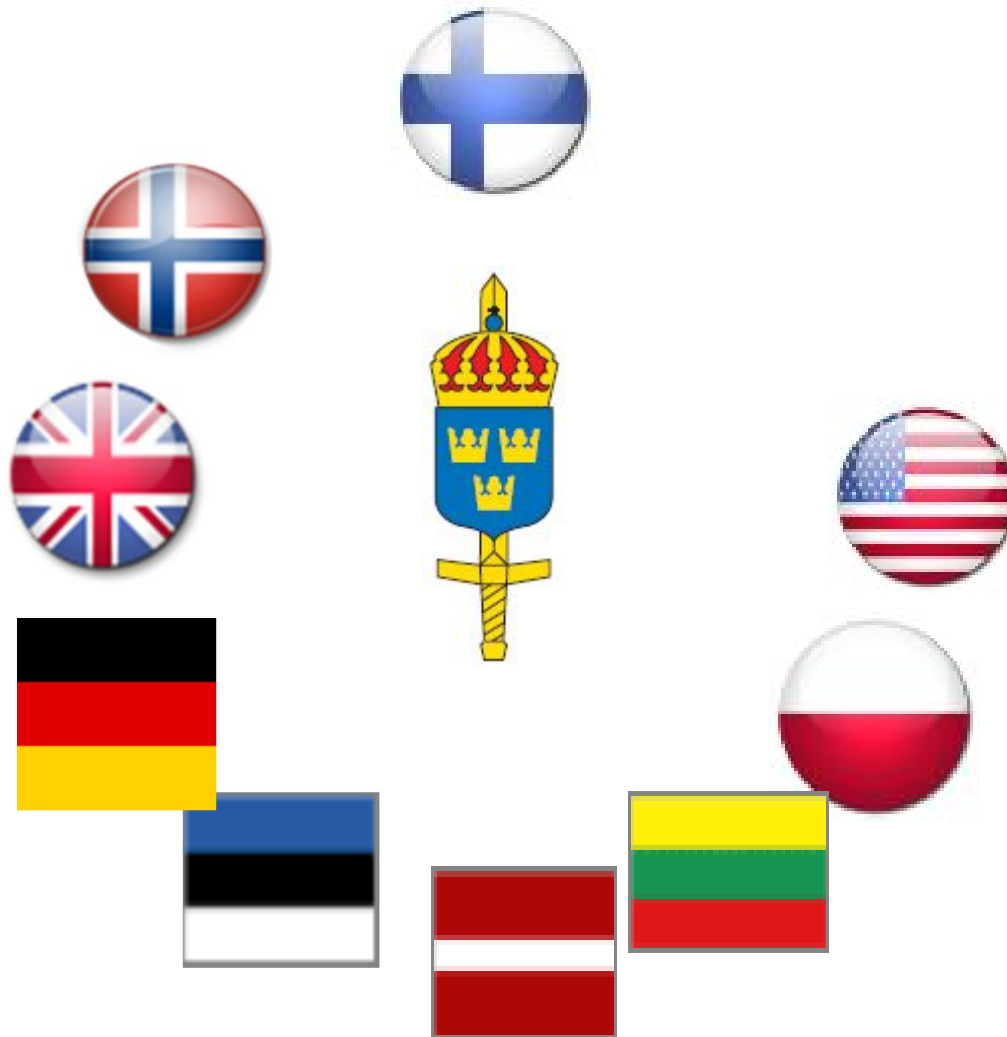


# Major exercises 2016-2020



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# Bilateral defence cooperation



# Multilateral defence cooperation

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# SWE - FIN cooperation

- **Members of EU, special partnership with Nato**
- **Defence Ministers signed action plan 6th May 2014 and a joint declaration 22nd May 2015**
- **Secure communications, MoD & HQ**
- **Operative planning, crises & conflicts**
- **Swedish-Finnish Naval Task Force FOC 2023**
  - ASW exercises
  - Use of Naval bases
- **Interoperability between the Air Forces**
  - Combined Command and Control
  - Common operations
  - Use of Air bases



- **Until 2020 develop the concept of a combined Army brigade**
- **Training**
- **Exercises**

# GEOSTRATEGIC REALITIES



**1340 KM  
BORDER**



# GEOSTRATEGIC REALITIES

**Russia**

- ★ National capital
- International boundary
- Road
- Railroad



# FINNISH DEFENCE

## ”Strategic choices”

### The three fundamentals:

1. **Effective territorial defence – war time 230 000 troops**
2. **Conscription – broad national support**
3. **Militarily non-aligned**

**DEFENCE CO-OPERATION - A KEY FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE FORCES**





**SWEFINEX 2016**



**SWE – FIN AAR**



**BALTOPS**



**ARROW 16**



**ARCTIC FIGHTER MEET**

# QUESTIONS?



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