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# EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SKILLS IN THE DEFENCE SECTOR

## PROGRAMME

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## 08:30 Registration and welcome coffee

## 09:00 – 09:15 Welcoming remarks

*Christina Wilén, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG DEFIS*

*Robert Limmergård, Secretary General, Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association*

*Pia Sandvik, CEO, The Association of Swedish Engineering Industries*

## 09:15 – 09:35 Keynote speech

*Dr Mats Persson, Swedish Minister for Education, Swedish Government*

## 09:35 – 10:15 STEM – A key for the future

Moderator: *Maria Rosendahl, Director of Industrial Policy, Association of Swedish Engineering Industries*

Panel:

*Elenora Svanberg, founder Girls in STEM*

*Peter Sund, CEO of Finnish Information Security Cluster and Director of Cyber Industry of the Technology Industries of Finland*

*Beatrice Boots, Director National Dutch Science and Technology Platform Chair EU STEM Coalition*

*Jan Dyre Bjercknes, Senior Project Engineer, Kongsberg*

## 10:15 Coffee break

## 10:45 – 12:00 Crossborder cooperation: Creating win-win situation

Moderator: *Mr. Lauri Kangas, CTO Finnish Defence and Aerospace Industries*

Panel:

*Sónia de Melo Xavier, Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion*

*Klaus Bolving, CEO, CenSec*

*Stefan Andersson, Group Strategy and Technology, Saab*

## 12:00 – 12:30 Inspirational showcase - "Teknik College"

*"Teknik College" - Johan Ståhl, Project Manager Teknikcollege "The Technology College Sweden"*

## 12:15 - 13.30 Lunch break

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### 13.30 - 14.45 Ensuring our future capabilities through an attractive defence sector

Moderator: *Christina Wilén, Policy Officer, EU Commission*

Introductory remarks:

*Hanna Olofsson, Chief of Staff, Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association*

*Major General Michael Cherinet, Head of Directorate of Capabilities and Finance, Swedish Armed Forces*

Panel:

*Andrea Barbagelata, Vice President Strategic Projects and Initiatives, Leonardo*

*Jérôme Darsouze, Executive Director, Tarmaq*

*Dr Jens Mattsson, Director general Swedish Defence Research Agency*

*Major General Michael Cherinet, Head of Directorate of Capabilities and Finance, Swedish Armed Forces*

### 14:45 – 15:00 Keynote dialogue: Conversation with the Swedish Minister for Defence

*Dr Pål Jonson, Swedish Minister for Defence, Swedish Government*

### 15:00-15:30 Coffee break

### 15:30 – 16:10 A future outlook of skills - where are we in 20 years and how do we get there?

Moderator: *Hanna Olofsson, Chief of Staff, Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association*

Panel:

*Sepp Huber, RT coordinator Europé, Airbus Defence and Space*

*Anders Asdal Andersen, Chief of Staff, Danish National Defence Technology Center*

*Magnus Packendorff, CTO for Defence and Mission Critical Technology, Ericsson*

### 16:10 – 16:30 Final remarks

*General Micael Bydén, the Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces*

### 16:30 - 20:00 Networking reception

## [Link to registration](#)

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