

# NORDIC ARMEMENTS COOPERATION

-from an impatient Swedish Director Land Systems  
perspective-



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# The Nordic countries..

- have a common history
- share values and vision of democracy and human rights
- are located in the same military geographic area
- speaks (almost) the same language
- are small, with limited defense budgets

# In other words...

...there are both opportunities and reasons to cooperate to

- enhances the ability to operate together and reinforces the threshold against war and conflict in the region
- save money
- improve cost effectiveness

# But so far – lack of REAL progress!

- Common Fighter - **No!**
- Common Submarine - **No!**
- Common Ground-Based Air Defense systems - **No!**
- Common Artillery system - **No!**
- Common Ammunition Supply concept - **No!**
- Common small-arms concept – **No!**
- Common Mortar system – **No!**
- Common.....**No, No and No!**

Why have we not made more progress?

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# Who is it that does not want – and why?

- Our politicians, because of differing security policy choices and the risk of dependence?
- Our legal advisors, due to cumbersome processes and different interpretations of EU directives?
- Our military leaders, because of various operational considerations?
- Our soldiers and officers, because of different views on the tactical requirements?
- Our NAD's because of different views on national defense companies?
- Our procurer, due to increased administration?
- Our defense industries, due to market sharing and risk of reduced revenue?
- Other players who see the danger of an expanded military cooperation between the Nordic countries?
- Or....???

# I don't have the answer, but

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...until the main counteracting forces are identified;

- ensure high level attention
- focus on a Common legal framework
- make it easier; establish common procedures, better mutual understanding of national organizations and mechanisms, etc.
- try to change the mindset, from “not possible” to “look for possibilities”

# Possible areas of cooperation

-examples from the Swedish procurement plan-





# Vehicle Mounted Mortar



- decided – on CV90 chassis
- three possible concepts under evaluation
- contracts late 2016
- FOC – about 2020
- opportunities for cooperation depending on the choice of concept

# Mortar ammunition



- type and number depends on the choice of the VMM

# New Anti-Tank Missile



- competitive procurement of MOTS
- RFQ - early/mid 2017
- market research underway
- FOC – about 2020
- opportunities for joint procurement

# New Tank Ammunition



- to meet the new threats
- possible development in cooperation

# Armoured Bridge Layers

(LEGUAN on LEO)



- ongoing procurement, first delivery in 2017
- possible cooperation maintenance and operation



# GBAD



- new weapons, short (ongoing) and medium (planned) range
- MR need to be able to engage ballistic missiles
- upgrading of sensor systems
- IOC about 2020
- opportunities for cooperation on subsystem level

# Combat Uniform



- Sweden has recently signed the Nordic cooperation agreement together with NOR, FIN and DK!

# ...and of course....



...there is still opportunity to, in cooperation with Sweden, procure one of the world's most effective artillery systems!

## Thank You for Your Attention!