

18–19 November 2025

Aims and Outcomes

General Remarks

In 2025, the security and defence sovereignty of the values-based free world again faces enormous challenges. The war in Ukraine, which has been ongoing since 2022, remains a central issue. To end this conflict, dialogue and diplomacy from a position of strength against Russia remain essential. A stable peace can only be achieved through negotiations and international mediation if Ukraine's sovereignty is preserved. By the time of the Conference, the Russian aggression against Ukraine might have been physically ceased – perhaps only intermediately.

Russia has partially shifted its hybrid warfare tactics against the West now and is obviously attacking infrastructure physically. Again, the cohesion of NATO and the EU is of crucial importance. Only through

close cooperation can member states develop effective strategies to counter this threat. When is it time for Article 5?

Also – although there are hopefully some diplomatic movements observable now – the situation in the Middle East remains tense. Conflicts characterized by ethnic and religious tensions require a coordinated approach from the international community to promote stability and security.

In addition, the Indo-Pacific area, of vital importance for the freedom of navigation and trade, is under constant dispute, politically and militarily influenced by China. At the BSC, this significant and enduring challenge will influence the briefings, discussions and panels.

What do we want to achieve with the Berlin Security Conference in 2025?

First and foremost, we want to bring together senior political leadership and executive military from Europe, the U.S., Canada and other transatlantic allies to discuss current strategic developments and identify future trends and options for security and defence policy action. And we want:

- » To understand that NATO and EU are currently facing an omnidirectional threat.
- » To improve mutual cohesive positions about those challenges in the Euro-Atlantic political domain and identify opportunities for structured and effective responses against strategic threats in NATO's and the EU's Area of Interest, and to show the Alliance's resolve.

Our supporters:

For some years now nations have been invited to become partners of the BSC. A partner nation contributes to the development of the programme, participates with high-ranking delegations, and hosts the pre-event Reception in the Embassy. This year, we are honoured and very grateful that the **Kingdom of Sweden will be our partner nation.**

Our conference partners from industry and business will accompany and support the BSC with specified contributions and an exhibition.

On the Strategic Level

We are taking the omnidirectional threats seriously, looking in detail:

- » Towards the Northern Flank including the Arctic, with threats, risks, and their mitigation,
- » Towards the Central Europe flank, a land-heavy area of responsibility and interest,
- » Towards the Southern Europe flank, with the Mediterranean the Black Sea as special environments.
- » Putting special attention about the war in Ukraine and its European – and worldwide – effects for EU, NATO, OSCE and UN security, highlighting the NATO "Transatlantic Bond" with the U.S. and Canada as the alliance in both directions for mutual support and defence readiness,
- » And assess EU's and NATO's future political and military relevance and impact, especially in its courses after the Russia-Ukraine war, pursuing democratic stability and freedom and the rule of law.

On the Operational Level

- » To discuss single and multi-domain operational and interoperability issues between military leaders of the Euro-Atlantic Alliance, by service chiefs, academia, and other experts, with lessons identified from the Russia-Ukraine war where applicable. This to include the air, maritime, land, cyber and space domains,
- » To look into the protection of critical infrastructure, especially at sea,
- » To identify ways and means for a "Total Defence" in order to become resilient in times of war
- » To inform on host-nation and logistical support and mobility for alliance, operations, as well as an integrated military-civil approach on future health and medical care.
- » To discuss fast military procurement and enhanced cooperation with industry, as well as military research and development.
- » To examine the influence and the chances of the military use of AI and the software-defined-defence.

Desired Outcome of the Conference

- » The attendees have identified ways and means for an increased, coherent, robust, and durable security and defence policy in and for Europe, with a strengthened trans-Atlantic bond, but also more responsibilities by the allied European nations, thus being able to promote democracy and freedom as the essential requisite for peace.
- » To receive inputs for a combined and accelerated Force Planning and force disposition related to the new Russian and other threats and alongside EU's Strategic Compass and NATO's Strategic Concept, and national concepts for a comprehensive national civil and military defence concepts.
- » Active social and other media to support the Conference programme and outcome.