

LAND WARFARE EUROPE

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DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome

Dear Colleague,

In modern combat, **achieving lethality has become markedly cheaper than ensuring survivability. Precision strike has increasingly overtaken direct attack** as the primary means of defeating enemy forces, enabled by the widespread use of sUAS alongside integrated radars, ISR, communications, and weapons systems. Armoured warfare is changing weekly. The RUS/UKR conflict has reaffirmed the value of armour for shock, protection, and armoured manoeuvre. National armies are now prioritising the maintenance and longevity of their armoured formations.

More recently, Ukraine's scaling of remotely controlled interceptor drones, unified UAV control, and cost-effective approaches to air defence have redefined the economics of warfare. In the current combat environment, **integrating traditional armoured manoeuvre with indirect fires and integrated air and missile defence** is no longer an option, but a necessity for achieving operational advantage.

The Baltics and wider Eastern European nations continue to progress the Baltic Defence Line and East Shield initiatives, underscoring a collective effort to strengthen integrated land warfare capabilities along NATO's Eastern Flank. This significant funding commitment of the Baltics underpins their commitment to fortify national borders and significantly enhance ground-based air defence - capabilities now widely recognised across Eastern Europe as central to contemporary defence and deterrence strategies.

It's in this capacity that the **Land Warfare Europe Conference** is returning this November, **in official collaboration with the Lithuanian Land Forces** at the Epicentre of NATO's Eastern Flank, to drive integrated land capability, ground-based air defence, and regional deterrence. Through dedicated streams focused on **Sense, Command and Targeting; Integrated Fires and Land Force Protection; and Manoeuvre, Survivability and Sustainment**, the conference will examine how Eastern Europe to follow new standards for cost-effective air defence, armoured capability, mobility, precision-targeting, and resilient communications.

We will be uniting national armies, NATO commands and agencies, and industry across Eastern Europe over two days of presentations, interactive discussions, and networking.

I look forward to connecting in Vilnius.

Regards,

Helena Paradigou
Senior Conference Producer, **Defence iQ**



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

CONFERENCE DAY ONE		
THE EASTERN FLANK LAND BATTLE: INTEGRATED CAPABILITIES FOR FUTURE-READY LAND FORCES <i>Powering Land Force Preparedness and Systems Interoperability</i>		
MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK		
STREAM A: SENSE, COMMAND AND TARGETING <i>Detecting, Deciding, Targeting, and Commanding Faster than the Enemy Under EW, GPS Denial, and Persistent Drone Observation</i>	STREAM B: INTEGRATED FIRES AND LAND FORCE PROTECTION <i>Protecting Manoeuvre Forces, Artillery, Logistics Nodes and Command Posts Against Aerial Threat for Battlefield Advantage</i>	STREAM C: MANOEUVRE, SURVIVABILITY AND SUSTAINMENT <i>Driving Armoured and Mechanised Forces to Move, Survive, Regenerate and Sustain Combat Power in Baltic and Eastern Flank Terrain</i>
ENHANCING LETHALITY THROUGH SYNCHRONISED PRECISION FIRES <i>Coordinated Fires Capabilities for Rapid Precision Targeting</i>	DEFENDING LAND FORCES AGAINST LOW-COST AERIAL THREATS <i>Winning the Battle With C-UAS Against High-Volume, Low-Cost Attack</i>	MODERNISING PLATFORMS TO DETER EASTERN FLANK THREATS <i>Scaling Modern Manoeuvre and UGVs in the Current Combat Environment</i>
NETWORKING LUNCH		
ARTILLERY PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING GROUND FORCES <i>Achieving Deep Strike Effects Through Modernised Artillery and Precision-Guided Munitions</i>	LAYERED PROTECTION AGAINST LOITERING MUNITIONS, MISSILES AND ONE-WAY ATTACK SYSTEMS <i>Lessons from the Middle East and Reshaping the Economics of Warfare</i>	OVERCOMING REGIONAL BALTIC CHALLENGES FOR DYNAMIC MANOEUVRE <i>Optimising Armoured Vehicle Performance in the Baltics for Enhanced Survivability</i>
AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING		
DOMINATING WITH INDIRECT FIRES IN EW-CONTESTED ENVIRONMENTS <i>Survivability in Highly Contested Airspace</i>	DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION: ENABLERS FOR AIR AND MISSILE DEFENCE TOOLS <i>Integrated Surveillance of the Airspace Driving Rapid, Rea-Time Response</i>	UPGRADING ARMoured VEHICLES IN CONTEMPORARY CONFLICT <i>Cheaper, Modernised Heavy Combat Capabilities for High-Intensity Combat Readiness</i>
NETWORKING DRINKS RECEPTION		
CONFERENCE DAY TWO		
BUYING AND BUILDING COMBAT POWER AT WARTIME SPEED <i>Fuelling Future Land Warfare Capabilities Through Strategic Funding</i>		
MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK		
SYNCHRONISING FIRES, AIR DEFENCE AND TARGETING FOR EASTERN FLANK DETERRENCE		

Achieving Ground Dominance and Enhancing Lethality Through Integrated Manoeuvre, Defence, and Fires

NETWORKING LUNCH

INFORMATION ADVANTAGE IN THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT

Smarter Decision-Making and Rapid Response Driven by Real-Time Battlefield Information

AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING

LOGISTICS RESILIENCE: MUNITIONS, INTERCEPTORS, REPAIR AND FORCE REGENERATION TO SUSTAIN THE FIGHT

Solidifying Logistics Foundations to Sustain Land Combat Power

CHAIRMAN

- **Major General (Ret'd) Mike Keating**, Former Chief of Staff, **HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC)**

CONFIRMED AND RESERVED SPEAKERS






- **General Raimundas Vaiksnoras**, Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, **Lithuanian Armed Forces** **subject to final confirmation*
- **Lieutenant General Adam Joks**, Commander, 2 Polish Corps - Land Component Command, **Polish Army**
- **Major General Olly Brown**, General Officer Commanding 3 UK Division, **British Army**
- **Brigadier General Nerijus Stankevičius**, Commander, **Lithuanian Land Force** **subject to final confirmation*
- **Brigadier General Aurelijus Alauskas**, Commander, **Lithuanian Army First Division** **subject to final confirmation*
- **Brigadier General István Tóth**, Commander of the 1st Klapka György Armoured Brigade, **Hungarian Defence Forces**
- **Colonel Roman Bobal**, Commander, Fires Centre of Excellence, **Armed Forces of Slovak Republic**
- **Colonel Craig Cotner**, Incoming Fires Transformation and Integration Director, **US Army**
- **Colonel David Brassard**, Incoming Commander, **Multinational Brigade Latvia**

INVITED SPEAKERS







- **Lieutenant General Pasi Välimäki**, Commander, **Finnish Army**
- **Major General Andrii Malinovskiy**, Chief of Artillery, **Armed Forces of Ukraine**
- **Major General Kaspars Pudāns**, Chief of defence of the republic of Latvia, **Latvian National Armed Forces**
- **Major General Michał Rohde**, Commander, 12th Mechanised Division, **Polish Land Forces**
- **Brigadier General Gábor Lőrincz**, Commander, **Hungarian Ground Forces**
- **Brigadier General Adrian Popescu**, Commander of the 9th Mechanised Brigade, **Romanian Land Forces**
- **Brigadier General Steven Carpenter**, Commander, 56th Artillery Command, **US Army**
- **Brigadier Craig Hanson**, Commander of 101st Operational Sustainment Brigade, **British Army**









- **Mr. Edvinas Grikšas**, Minister of Economy and Innovation, **Ministry of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania**
- **Mr. Joseph Lyden**, Chief Procurement Officer, **NSPA**

DAY ONE, TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER


0730	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
0830 	DEFENCE IQ OPENING WELCOME Helena Peradigou , Senior Conference Producer, Defence iQ
0835 	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS <i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i>
0840 	WELCOME ADDRESS: LITHUANIAN LAND FORCES <i>Reserved for: General Raimundas Vaiksnoras</i> , Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuanian Armed Forces
THE EASTERN FLANK LAND BATTLE: INTEGRATED CAPABILITIES FOR FUTURE-READY LAND FORCES	
0845 	HOST NATION KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ALIGNING LTU LAND FORCE DEVELOPMENT WITH EASTERN FLANK DEFENCE INITIATIVES <i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i>
0915	<i>Reserved for industry</i>
0945 	RESTORING COMBINED ARMS MANOEUVRE AND SYNCHRONISED LAND CAPABILITIES Lieutenant General Adam Joks , Commander, 2 Polish Corps - Land Component Command, Polish Army







<p>1015</p>  	<p>INDUSTRY LEADERS PANEL: OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR THE EASTERN FLANK KILL CHAIN: CONNECTING SENSORS, SHOOTERS, EFFECTORS AND COMMAND NETWORKS</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Echodyne</i> <i>Reserved for: Lockheed Martin</i> <i>Invited: Aaronia, Palantir, Adarga, Helsing</i></p>		
<p>1100</p>	<p>MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</p>		
	<p>STREAM A: SENSE, COMMAND AND TARGETING</p>	<p>STREAM B: INTEGRATED FIRES AND LAND FORCE PROTECTION</p> <p><i>Chairman: Major General (Ret'd) Mike Keating, Former Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC)</i></p>	<p>STREAM C: MANOEUVRE, SURVIVABILITY AND SUSTAINMENT</p> <p><i>Chairman: Reserved for Lithuanian Land Force</i></p>
	<p>ENHANCING LETHALITY THROUGH SYNCHRONISED PRECISION FIRES</p>	<p>DEFENDING LAND FORCES AGAINST LOW-COST AERIAL THREATS</p>	<p>MODERNISING PLATFORMS TO DETER EASTERN FLANK THREATS</p>
<p>1130</p>	<p>MOBILE ARTILLERY IN THE TRANSPARENT BATTLEFIELD: SPEED, DISPLACEMENT AND SURVIVABILITY UNDER COUNTER-BATTERY THREAT</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i></p> 	<p>HOST NATION KEYNOTE ADDRESS: REQUIREMENTS TO FURTHER INTEGRATE AIR AND MISSILE DEFENCE FOR BALTIC SECURITY</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i></p> 	<p>MODERNISING MBTS AND IFVS FOR THE DRONE-SATURATED BATTLEFIELD</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i></p> 
<p>1200</p>	<p>LONG-RANGE PRECISION FIRES FOR EASTERN FLANK DETERRENCE</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Lockheed Martin</i></p> 	<p><i>Reserved for industry</i></p>	
<p>1230</p>	<p>CLOSING THE SENSOR-TO-SHOOTER GAP: OVERCOMING DISCONNECTED C2 TO COORDINATE FIRES AT SPEED</p> <p><i>Invited: Brigadier General Steven Carpenter, Commander, 56th Artillery Command, US Army</i></p> 	<p>UKRAINE'S COST CURVE LESSON: COUNTERING CHEAP DRONES WHILST SUSTAINING EXPENSIVE INTERCEPTORS</p> <p><i>Invited: Armed Forces of Ukraine</i></p> 	<p>FROM TRIALS TO TACTICAL UTILITY: SCALING UGVs FOR RECONNAISSANCE, LOGISTICS AND FORCE PROTECTION</p> <p><i>Invited: Estonian Land Forces</i></p> 




1300	NETWORKING LUNCH		
	ARTILLERY PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING GROUND FORCES	LAYERED PROTECTION AGAINST LOITERING MUNITIONS, MISSILES AND ONE-WAY ATTACK SYSTEMS	OVERCOMING REGIONAL BALTIC CHALLENGES FOR DYNAMIC MANOEUVRE
1400	<p>MODERNISING HOWITZER FORCES FOR SPEED, AUTOMATION AND SURVIVABILITY</p> <p><i>Invited: Slovak Armed Forces</i></p> 	<p>RECENT LESSONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT DRIVING US ARMY MODERNISATION</p> <p>Colonel Craig Cotner, Incoming Fires Transformation and Integration Director, US Army</p> 	<p>KEEPING ARMOUR MOVING UNDER FIRE: MOBILITY, RECOVERY, REPAIR AND PROTECTED MANOEUVRE</p> <p><i>Invited: British Army</i></p> 
1430	<i>Reserved for industry</i>		
1500	<p>SUSTAINING ARTILLERY ADVANTAGE THROUGH RCH 155: PROCUREMENT, SURVIVABILITY AND LONG-TERM FIRES MODERNISATION</p> <p><i>Invited: British Army</i></p> 	<p>PANEL - IN - THE - ROUND SESSION: CAN ARMED FORCES SUSTAINABLY MANAGE THE COST CURVE PROBLEM?</p> <p>Addressing cheap drones, expensive interceptors, and the economics of sustained land warfare.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Major General (Ret'd) Mike Keating</i>, Former Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC)</p> <p><i>Panellist: Colonel Craig Cotner</i>, Incoming Fires Transformation and Integration Director, US Army</p> 	<p>MANOEUVRE IN BALTIC TERRAIN: MOBILITY CORRIDORS, OBSTACLES, BRIDGING AND REINFORCEMENT ROUTES</p> <p><i>Invited: Estonian Land Forces</i></p> 
1530	AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING		
	DOMINATING WITH INDIRECT FIRES IN EW-CONTESTED ENVIRONMENTS	DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION: ENABLERS FOR AIR AND MISSILE DEFENCE	UPGRADING ARMoured VEHICLES IN CONTEMPORARY CONFLICT
1600	<p>IMPROVING PERFORMANCE OF DIGITISED FIRES IN GPS-DENIED ENVIRONMENTS</p>	<p>TARGET ACQUISITION AND SENSOR FUSION: BUILDING THE SHARED PICTURE FOR AIR DEFENCE, FIRES AND MANOEUVRE</p>	<p>LESSONS FROM ZRINYI 2026: MODERNISING HEAVY FORCES FOR SURVIVABILITY, MOBILITY AND COMBAT MASS</p> <p>Brigadier General István Tóth, Commander of the 1st Klapka György Armoured Brigade, Hungarian Defence Forces</p>

	Reserved for: Colonel Roman Bobal , Commander, Fires Centre of Excellence, Armed Forces of Slovak Republic 	<i>Invited: The Romanian Land Forces</i> 	
1630	LOITERING MUNITIONS: SURVIVABILITY IN CONTESTED, GPS-DENIED AIRSPACE <i>Invited: Bulgarian Land Forces</i> 	CRITICAL PERFORMANCE OF RADAR SYSTEMS FOR C-UAS <i>Reserved for: Echodyne</i> 	MODULAR ARMOUR AND SURVIVABILITY UPGRADES: EXTENDING PLATFORM LIFE WITHOUT FULL FLEET REPLACEMENT <i>Invited: Major General Olly Brown</i> , General Officer Commanding 3 UK Division, British Army 
1700	MEETING RAPID MOBILITY DEMANDS FOR MLRS THROUGH C2 AND LOGISTICS <i>Invited: The Finnish Army</i> 	ENHANCING SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OF THE SHARED AIRSPACE FOR INTEROPERABILITY <i>Invited: Latvian Land Forces</i> 	PANEL DISCUSSION: UTILITY OF THE TANK
1730	CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS	CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS Major General (Ret'd) Mike Keating , Former Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC)	CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS <i>Reserved for Lithuanian Land Force</i>
1740	DRINKS RECEPTION AND NETWORKING		

DAY TWO, TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

0800	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
0855	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS <i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i> 

BUYING AND BUILDING COMBAT POWER AT WARTIME SPEED	
0900 	FUNDING EASTERN FLANK REARMAMENT: NEW GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL TOOLS AND 2027 INNOVATION PRIORITIES <i>Invited: Lithuanian Ministry of Economy and Innovation</i>
0930 <i>Reserved for industry</i>	
1000 	INCREASING INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY FOR AIR AND MISSILE DEFENCE: NSPA PROJECT UPDATES <i>Invited: Mr. Joseph Lyden, Chief Procurement Officer, NSPA</i>
1030 <i>Reserved for industry</i>	
1100 MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK	
SYNCHRONISING FIRES, AIR DEFENCE AND TARGETING FOR EASTERN FLANK DETERRENCE	
1130 	SYNCHRONISING AIR DEFENCE AND FIELD ARTILLERY: PROTECTING THE FORCE WHILE EXTENDING THE KILL CHAIN <i>Invited: Colonel Frank Maxwell, Incoming Chief of Staff, Multidomain Command-Europe, US Army</i>
1200 <i>Reserved for industry</i>	
1230 	BALLISTIC DATA, WEATHER EFFECTS AND TARGETING ACCURACY: IMPROVING FIRES DECISIONS IN CONTESTED CONDITIONS <i>Invited: Latvian Land Forces</i>
1300 NETWORKING LUNCH	
INFORMATION ADVANTAGE IN THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT	
1400 	INTEGRATED LAND AND AIR ISR: FINDING AND PRIORITISING TARGETS IN THE TRANSPARENT BATTLEFIELD <i>Invited: The Romanian Armed Forces</i>
1430 	DISRUPTING THE ENEMY KILL CHAIN: EW, DECEPTION AND SURVIVABILITY FOR LAND FORCES <i>Invited: The Finnish Defence Forces</i>
1500 AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING	
LOGISTICS RESILIENCE: MUNITIONS, INTERCEPTORS, REPAIR AND FORCE REGENERATION TO SUSTAIN THE FIGHT	

<p>1530</p> 	<p>DEFENDING THE DEFENDER: THE COST OF INTERCEPTOR SUSTAINMENT</p> <p><i>Invited: Polish Land Forces</i></p>
<p>1600</p> 	<p>ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE AND THE WAR OF ATTRITION: MUNITIONS DEPTH, PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND SUSTAINED FIRES</p> <p><i>Invited: Brigadier Craig Hanson, Commander of 101st Operational Sustainment Brigade, British Army</i></p>
<p>1630</p> 	<p>CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p><i>Reserved for: Lithuanian Land Force</i></p>
<p>1640</p>	<p>END OF CONFERENCE</p>

VENUE



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