



# Invitation to roundtable 15-16 May:

## How do we ensure secure connectivity in the Nordic region?

### Redundancy – Resilience – Repair capabilities

**Place:** Ministry of Finance, Jakobsgratan 24, Stockholm, Sweden

**Date:** 15-16 May

**Target group:** Civil servants responsible for subsea cables (redundancy, resilience, repair capabilities) in the Nordic region

**Register:** Register Your participation by 9<sup>th</sup> of May by e-mail to [fi.ofa.dis@regeringskansliet.se](mailto:fi.ofa.dis@regeringskansliet.se)

#### Roundtable programme

##### Wednesday, 15 May

13.00 Introduction

The bottleneck – cable laying, maintenance and repair capabilities

Coffee break

The Nordic pitch – redundancy of subsea cables

17.30 End of Day 1

##### Thursday, 16 May

08.30 Summary from Day 1

The secure supply chain – tour de table

Coffee break

The regulatory aspect – potential scope and need

Summary

12.00 End of Day 2

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## BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

### Background

In the current interconnected world, we need to ensure that our critical infrastructure is secure and resilient. The Nordic countries rely on subsea cables for communication within the region but also for European and global connectivity. Redundancy in the digital infrastructure is of essence should an incident occur, as are solid repair capabilities.

How do we ensure secure connectivity in the Nordic region including aspects of redundancy, resilience and repair capabilities?

### Roundtable discussion points:

- The bottleneck – How do we increase cable laying, maintenance and repair capabilities in the Nordic region? Is there a common interest in this field within a NATO and EU context?
- The Nordic pitch – Cable projects of European interest are being developed in order to strengthen global connectivity and secure redundancy and resilience of the subsea cable system. Against this backdrop, what is the Nordic point of departure and main pitch when securing funding and investment ?
- The secure supply chain – The EU has announced the creation of a cable security toolbox for increased security in the supply chain. Tour de table with an exchange of views and current state of play regarding Nordic suppliers.
- The regulatory aspect – views on a potential need for EU and/or international regulation concerning submarine cable infrastructure? What remains uncovered by existing legislation and is relevant to regulate? What should not be?

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