

Security in Denmark and the surrounding region

Security in Denmark and the surrounding region is one of the five main themes in the Danish government's foreign and security policy strategy for 2017-18.

The government will work to strengthen security in our local region, both for Denmark and our allies. This includes security policy activities in NATO, a principled stance on Russian aggression, and dialogue – including efforts to ensure that the Arctic remains a low-conflict area. The government will also strengthen Denmark's security in cyberspace.

In 2017-2018, the Danish government will take the following initiatives:

- The government will ensure substantial improvement by allocating more funding to the Danish Defence in the forthcoming defence agreement covering the period after 2017.
- The government will strengthen the embassy in Moscow to ensure stronger representation of Danish interests in dealings with Russia, particularly in relation to security policy and the Arctic.
- The government will strengthen its efforts to avert foreign campaigns designed to influence and threaten Danish interests and democratic values; interministerial efforts have also been established in this area.
- The government will continue to assign high priority to security policy-related cooperation with the countries surrounding the Baltic Sea, including through the planned contribution to NATO's military presence in the Baltic countries.
- The government will maintain a major bilateral engagement in the EU's neighbouring region to the east, including the establishment of a five-year neighbour programme for Ukraine and Georgia.
- The government will present a new national strategy for cyber and information security to strengthen Denmark's digital security.