

## FACT SHEET

# Navy Plan Strengthens Danish Armed Forces at Sea

### Near-term acquisitions

The agreement includes new vessels and unmanned units to be acquired as fast as possible to strengthen the Danish Navy with an emphasis on tasks in Danish waters and the Baltic Sea area.



#### **Stronger underwater surveillance of critical infrastructure**

Extensive networks of underwater pipelines and cables in Danish waters transport electricity, natural gas and data. This makes Denmark vulnerable to sabotage. Under the agreement, Denmark will acquire a new capacity in the form of a seaborne vessel, underwater drones, and sonar systems to monitor and identify unauthorised underwater activity.



#### **Four military marine environment vessels**

The core of Danish marine environment emergency management will be strengthened as soon as possible with four new marine environment and mine-laying vessels. The vessels will be primarily equipped to perform environmental tasks, such as collecting chemicals and oil, as well as to contribute to military tasks, such as monitoring above and below the sea surface, training personnel, and the ability to lay mines.



#### **Underwater drones and other autonomous units**

A programme to test and develop autonomous units, such as underwater drones, aimed at expanding capacities of the Danish Navy for surveillance on and under the sea.



#### **21 new vessels for the Danish Home Guard**

The Marine Home Guard will receive up-to-date and modern vessels to replace those currently in the fleet. The Marine Home Guard performs tasks in close cooperation with the Royal Danish Navy, including maritime surveillance, port security, rescue activities, marine environment tasks, and host nation support.

### Acquisitions in the longer term

The agreement establishes a basis for further acquisitions in the longer term, which will strengthen the naval combat power of the Danish Armed Forces, increase Danish contributions to NATO and enhance operational capacity.



#### **Air defence frigates**

Frigates are the backbone of the Danish Navy. The Danish Government will commence an investment in the Danish Armed Forces' frigates, starting with the air defence frigates.