

Belgian Defence Strategic Vision 2025

From collective security to collective defence

Strategic objectives



Preparing for a large-scale conflict

We must be ready to make an active contribution to everyone's security. As a reliable NATO-partner, we must also do our part and strengthen the deployment and readiness of our troops.



Protecting our national territory

We make sure that Belgium is ready. The Belgian Defence and the whole of society work together for greater protection, greater resilience and faster aid in the event of a crisis.



Preparing for the combat of tomorrow

We invest in intelligent technologies and take into account new forms of warfare, such as the use of drones.

Main investments

Personnel as a priority

Our employees remain our most important asset, that is why our main investments go to our people, their working environment and their terms of employment.



Increase our readiness

- Replenish existing ammunition stocks
- Replenish spare parts
- Make units more logistically autonomous



Weapon systems – purchase of a.o.:

- Multi-layered air defence system, including Pioruns, 20 Skyangers, 10 NASAMS, 3 anti-ballistic and long-range systems
- Eleven F-35's
- Third frigate and logistic support ship
- 1,500 combat vehicles, including Servals, Griffons, and Jaguars
- 3,680 logistics vehicles (trucks, low-loaders, etc.)
- 2 large MQ-9B armed reconnaissance drones
- 4 Search and Rescue helicopters
- Eleven transport helicopters



Technological modernisation

We invest in defensive and offensive cyber capabilities and electronic warfare, in drones and anti-drone systems, in AI and in space systems for military purposes.



Increase in budget for “research & innovation”

We spend more than 3% of the total Defence budget on innovation and development to further prepare our industry and knowledge centres for geopolitical challenges.



Creation of a medical center on the site of the military hospital in Neder-Over-Heembeek.



The world is on fire.

Threats are multiplying and getting closer.

Together with our allies, we ensure security - at home and abroad.

How do we strengthen the Belgian Defence?



Always ready

We stay ready to intervene while renewing and progressing.



Stronger and better equipped

Our existing units are given what they need to execute their mission effectively. New units are being set up at the same time.



Increased workforce

We develop an “operational reserve” and welcome 1,000 young people per year to participate in the voluntary military service.

By 2035, we will reinforce the Belgian Defence to include 34,500 military personnel, 12,800 reservists and 8,500 civilians.

Key factors for success

Stimulating job

Working for the Belgian Defence is attractive: action, adventure and growth opportunities for all.



Future-proof infrastructure

Our teams are able to work in modern, safe infrastructures throughout the country.



Vigilance

We keep the citizens well informed about safety issues and what we are doing to protect them.



Maximum social return

Investments benefit our own economy, directly or indirectly. We also support defence-related research and technology.



Updated legal framework

Laws and regulations support and facilitate the work of the Belgian Defence.

