





What is the Conference About?

The European Conference of Defence and the Environment is a new networking venue between Defence policy makers, practioners, scientists, industry and other stakeholders.

It is essentially an opportunity to exchange information and compare experiences in the field of environmental protection in the defence sector. It also provides the participants with the possibility to increase cooperation between nations by bringing up themes that affect all or most of the defence actors.

At the same time it is a learning and education forum for all working with the issues contemplated.

Track Topics

Key Note Speakers

Strategy

Range Sustainability

Heavy Weapons Ranges

Operations

Management & Reporting

Contaminated Sites

Environmental Noise

Schedule

The official program will start on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 09:00 AM. We recommend arrival at 08:30 to allow you convinient time for on-site registration (gathering of name tags etc.) and finding your places.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2013 the program will begin at 08:30 AM. Both days will end at 5:00 PM.

Plenary session will take place on Tuesday, may 21, 2013 at 01:00 PM (13:00 hrs). Please be seated at 12:50 at the latest.

Parallel sessions will run on Tuesday morning and on Wednesday during the whole day.

Official Opening:

Minister of Defence Mr. Carl Haglund

Key Note Speakers include:

Member of the Parliament
Mr. Pekka Haavisto

Call for Presentations

Please, submit your presentation abstract by email to Matias Warsta (matias.warsta@defmin.fi). Abstracts are due *March 1, 2013*. Your title cannot exceed 200 characters, your abstract text should be no more than 1 page. You should also provide a mini-article of 3 - 8 pages (size 12) and possible slides which are due *April 30, 2013*.

The presentations are not to exceed 20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion (includes preparation for next presentation). All submissions should be in .txt, .rtf, .doc, .docx, .ppt, .pptx or .pdf format.

Registration

Please, register yourself by email to Ms. Mari Kulmala (mari. kulmala@defmin.fi) no later than *April 15*, *2013*. Registration fee will be 150 euro covering lunch and coffee on both days (one day 100 euro). Please, provide your full name, title, organization and billing address + information on special diets. The cost of possible evening event is not included in the price.

Everyone, including the presenters, must register to the conference and pay the registration fee.

Accommodation

We can help you with accommodation reservations but the hotel costs will fall on attendants.

Contacts

All information will be available at http://www.defmin. fi/envconference or call Matias Warsta, p. +358 295 140 454.

Topics Included in the Tracks

Strategy

- European Military Materials Procurement and the Environment
- Future of European Community Environmental Law and the Defence
- Environmental Strategy of MoDs / Long and Mid-term Planning of Environmental Protection

Range Sustainability (Small Arms)

- Best Available Technology for Small Arms Ranges
- Renewal of Small Arms Ranges

Heavy Weapons Ranges

- Environmental Assessments of Heavy Weapons Ranges
- Development of Sampling Methods:
 From Discrete to Multi-Increment Sampling
- Development of Laboratory Analysis Methods for Explosives
- Environmental Monitoring at Training Areas
- Monitoring System for the Use of Ammunition at the FDF Sites
- Environmental Impact Assessment of a Training Area at Sea

Management & Reporting

- Environmental Management
- Green House Gas Reporting
- Environmental Reporting in General
- Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the Renewal of the FDF

Operations

- EU Concept on Environmental Protection in Operations
- Environmental Baseline and Closure Studies of Recent Operations
- FIN-SWE-USA Collaboration on Training Materials

Contaminated Sites

- Management of Contaminated Sites at the Defence Administration
- Environmental Impacts of Open Detonation and Open Burn

Environmental Noise

- Noise Regulations in European Countries: Implications for the Military?
- Management of Noise
- Assessing Trembling
- Active Management of Noise

About the Venue

The conference is arranged at the Säätytalo (House of the Estates) in central Helsinki. The House is located in the vicinity of Senate Square and stands opposite the Bank of Finland.

Address: Snellmaninkatu 9-11, 00170 Helsinki. You can find more information about Säätytalo at http://vnk.fi/ministerio/toimitilat/saatytalo/en.jsp.



Key Note Speakers

Minister of Defence, Mr. Carl Haglund



Carl Haglund (born 1979) is a Finnish politician, chairman of the Swedish People's Party and Minister of Defence. He was member of the European Parliament between 2009-2012.

Member of the Parliament, Mr. Pekka Haavisto



Pekka Haavisto (born 1958) is a Finnish politician and a Member of the Parliament. Haavisto was the runner-up of 2012 presidential election in Finland. Haavisto has acted as the Minister of the Environment and Development in 1995-1999.

Haavisto has extensive experience in crisis management issues. He is a Special Representative of the Foreign Minister of Finland to the Horn of Africa and Sudan.

In 1999-2005, Haavisto led the UNEP for the post-conflict environmental assessments and projects in the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq, Middle East, Liberia and Sudan. In 2005-2007, Haavisto was the European Union's Special Representative for Sudan and Darfur.

Other Speakers Include:

- Michael Walsh and Marianne Walsh, U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory; Chuck Ramsey, Envirostat, United States of America
- Sonia Thiboutot and Guy Ampleman, Defence Research and Development Canada Valcartier, Canada
- Hans-Björn Fischhaber, Högkvarteret and Annika Waleij, Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut, Sweden
- Kerstin Huemer, Bundesministerium der Verteidigung, Germany
- *Mette-Lene Hjort*, Forsvarets Bygnings- og Etablissementstjeneste, Denmark
- Teemu Pasanen, Defence Command Finland; Sara Kajander, Reija Kalajo and Kari Koponen, Construction Establishment of Finnish Defence Administration; Matias Warsta and Sami Heikkilä, Finnish Ministry of Defence

Based on preliminary information, changes may occur

