



MEDIA INVITE

EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2018 MEDIA DAY

Members of the media are invited to cover activities surrounding the Trident Juncture 2018 distinguished visitors day in the vicinity of Trondheim, Norway, on Oct. 30, from 08:00 – 15:00 hrs.

Events during the day will include the following:

- Joint Live Capability demonstration of Land, Air, Navy, Marines and Special Operation Forces (SOF) elements
- Static display of military equipment by over 10 nations
- Press conference with NATO Secretary General and Norwegian Minister of Defence
- Photo and interview opportunities of distinguished guests

All media intending to cover the event must register in advance at:

<https://forsvaret.no/en/exercise-and-operations/exercises/nato-exercise-2018/media>

**** If you already registered for exercise accreditation and you kept the confirmation email, clicking on the edit button within will bring you to a pre-filled form with your information and you will only need to answer the added question about media day attendance. Future events will be confirmed in the same manner.*

Transportation information will be provided along with confirmation of registration. Media members are responsible for booking their own accommodations.

Registered media members must bring their passport and proof of media affiliation on the day of the event in order to board the provided transportation and attend the event.

Trident Juncture 18 from Oct. 25 to Nov. 7 will be one of NATO's largest exercises in recent years. The exercise will take place in Norway and the surrounding areas of the North Atlantic and the Baltic Sea, including Iceland and the airspace of Finland and Sweden. The cold and wet weather will pose special challenges for our troops, and will help develop their ability to operate in extreme weather conditions.

Currently we anticipate the following participation:

- Around 45,000 troops from 31 Allies and partners will take part
- Around 150 aircraft, 60 ships and up to 10,000 vehicles will be used during the exercise
- Air, Land, Maritime, SOF and Amphibious Forces

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Trident Juncture 18 will test NATO's ability to plan and conduct a major collective defence operation – from troop training at the tactical level, to command over large forces; ensuring our forces can work seamlessly together to respond to any threat from any direction. In keeping with NATO's longstanding principles of openness and transparency, Norway notified the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) about this exercise and invited the other 56 participating OSCE states, including Russia, to send observers.

In order to maximize coverage opportunities for media during their stay in Trondheim, the following additional events are also currently scheduled in the timeframe surrounding the media day:

- Amphibious landing by US Marines (Oct. 31) and a combined force (FRA, NLD, FIN, GBR) (Nov. 3)
- Visit the Enhanced Logistic Base: future military support operations including autonomous force protection, autonomous convoys, 3d-printing, etc. (Oct. 29 & 31)
- Air day at Airbase Oerland (Oct. 31)

If you are interested in any of the events above, please include your request for participation along with your RSVP for the media day; seats are limited at some events.

NATO is a defensive Alliance focused on keeping our nations safe in an unpredictable world. For almost 70 years, NATO's purpose has remained to preserve peace and defend all Allies against any threat. Joint training and demanding exercises ensure that our military forces remain robust and that NATO membership remains a credible deterrent to potential aggressors well into the future.

Exercises such as Trident Juncture 18 demonstrate that we are trained and prepared to protect our values, our people and our territories.

There will be numerous additional coverage opportunities during the course of the exercise; media who register for accreditation will receive updated information on daily events as it becomes available.