

Joint Declaration between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of Norway

Germany and Norway are strategic partners. We share common values and interests. We are strong allies in NATO, close partners in the European Economic Area and like-minded in the United Nations. We work together for peace and security, energy security and the prosperity of our economies, and within research and innovative technologies. Together we reaffirm our unwavering support for Ukraine as it defends its freedom, sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity against Russia's continued war of aggression.

The North Atlantic, including the strategically crucial Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) and Bear gaps and adjacent waters, and the North and Baltic Seas, are crucial for both Norwegian and German security. This is why our men and women in uniform train together, patrol the Seas together, and why German and Norwegian armed forces cooperate closely under NATO's Regional Plans. Germany and Norway aim to ensure stability and security in maritime areas, including in the High North. Both countries intend to strengthen surveillance and control over these strategic areas to counter potential threats, including maritime and airborne activities.

Based on our shared analysis of the security environment, we have established an exceptionally close partnership, particularly in the land and maritime domains. Our cooperation on type 212CD class submarines and missiles sets a new standard for partnership, interchangeability and strategic alignment. The governments of Germany and Norway welcome and support the close cooperation between German and Norwegian industries and businesses within a broad range of areas. We intend to enhance our strategic partnership to meet future challenges by jointly developing the capabilities needed in key areas:

- We have agreed to expand our already deep and broad maritime cooperation to include an integrated operational partnership in the North Atlantic and North Sea, including enhanced protection of critical underwater infrastructure.
- In order to secure an independent access to space for the European continent and to increase our situational awareness in the face of hybrid threats in the North Atlantic, we are committed to deepening our existing cooperation for the development of space capabilities.
- Germany fosters Norwegian interests as a prime security partner of the EU and has strongly welcomed the successful conclusion of the EU - Norway Security and Defence Partnership in May 2024.
- To complement our naval partnership, we further intend to strengthen cooperation in the land domain, where we seek to mutually support each other in our respective NATO regional defence plans.
- We have instructed our Ministers of Defence to advance these priorities together through a new bilateral defence agreement, providing a long-term framework for the German-Norwegian defence partnership.
- We have instructed our ministers for industry and energy to renew our dialogue to support resilience and competitiveness. In addition to defense industrial cooperation, energy supply and security, decarbonisation and climate, including

CCS, hydrogen, critical minerals, maritime infrastructure, economic security, and digitalisation are relevant topics for an updated strategic industry and energy partnership. We are committed to working together to advance existing cooperation between German and Norwegian businesses and industry.