



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

NATIONAL DEFENCE CONCEPT



SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

Authoritarian regimes continue to undermine international security and democratic values of the West through wide spectrum of hybrid, cyber, conventional and nuclear threats:

- Russia is learning from its mistakes in Ukraine and will continue to remain a threat to Latvia's national security
- Future security threats will also depend on various global trends (China's global ambitions, international terrorism, new technologies, etc.)

DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE

Every inch of Latvian territory and every civilian are defended with all available resources and means:

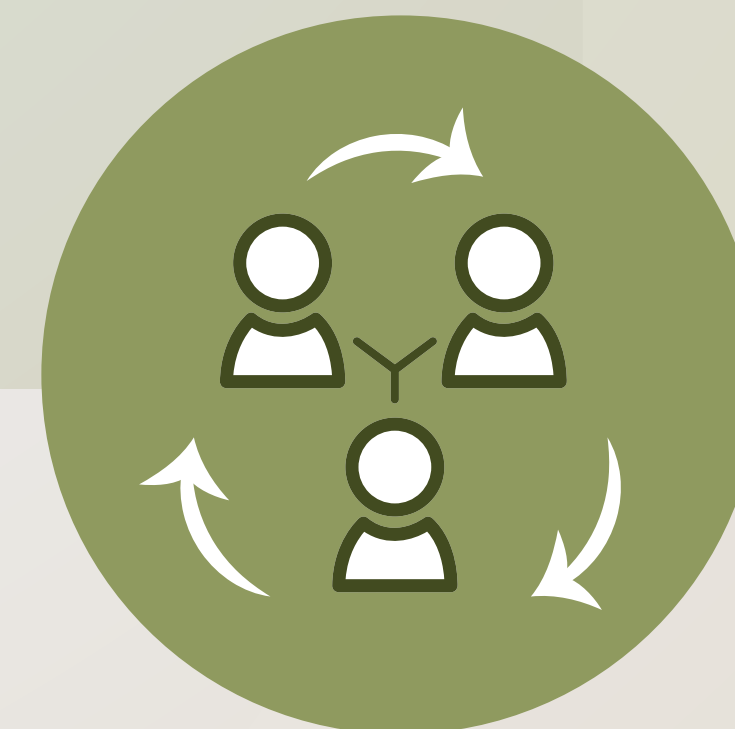
- Stronger NAF capabilities through increased firepower and range
- Scaling up of NATO eFP Battle Group Latvia to the size of a brigade and focus on NATO air defence capability development
- Better infrastructure on eastern border with enhanced physical and technological security



NATIONAL DEFENCE RESOURCES

To make sure comprehensive national defence works in practice, all government institutions should include adequate funding in their budgets to meet the relevant objectives:

- Defence spending must increase to 3% of GDP
- Army must increase its fighting force to 31,000 combat-ready active duty soldiers and 30,000 general reserve troops
- Greater participation of national defence industry must be reached



RESILIENCE, WILL, CAPACITY



- Personal and collective accountability of every individual, community and organisations with clear roles and responsibilities
- Different levels of public participation in strengthening of Latvian State and security (NAF PF, SDS, NG, reserve training, NG CF and national defence classes in schools)