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Welcoming Briefing

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Welcome to Lucerne
Switzerland
.... but this is Switzerland, too
Switzerland’s Security Requirements
Risks for Switzerland
Swiss Armed Forces Development

2010
Security Policy Report

2014
Federal Council Dispatch

2016
Federal Decree

2018

  Bundsgesetz über die Armee und die Militärvwaltung (MG)

- 14.069
  Botschaft zur Änderung der Rechtsgrundlagen für die Weiterentwicklung der Armee

- vom 24. Jan 2010
  Die Veränderungen der Sicherheitspolitik der Schweiz

- vom 1. September 2014
  Botschaft zur Änderung der Sicherheitspolitik der Schweiz
General Framework and Benchmarks

- **Fundamentals**: Compulsory military service and militia
- **Manning**: 100,000 soldiers
- **Expenses**: 20 bn CHF financial framework through 4 years
- **Service days**: Around 5 mio training days a year
Planned Capabilities

**PERMANENT**

- Retention and further development of capabilities to avert military attack
- Retention of air supremacy with sensors and conventional air-policing
- Basic performance missions (support to civilian authorities, communications networks, logistics, first aid, etc.)

**FORESEEABLE**

- Protection of conferences and significant objects with 8‘000 service members
- Retention of air supremacy with increased air policing with 2‘500 service members
- Within days: overseas assistance / contributions to humanitarian aid
- Within weeks to months: peace support with up to 500 service members

**UNFORESEEABLE**

- Complete spectrum of missions (disasters, terror threats, etc.)
- Graded preparedness:
  - Within hours first intervention forces in theatre (long-term service members and professional units)
  - Within 24hrs–96hrs with approx. 8’000 service members
  - Mission fulfilment with up to 35‘000 service members within 10 days
In Conflicts, Crises and Disasters
fight – protect – assist

Missions of our Armed Forces:

- Defence
- Support of Civilian Authorities
- Peace Support
- Disaster Relief

Critical Infrastructure
Borders
Transit Routes
AFD: Political Timetable

Federal Decree


Prior measures

12 Feb 2016
21 Apr 2016

Preparatory measures

Entry into force of Military Act


Implementation

2016
2017
2018
2021

Organisation A XXI

Organisation AFD

Continuous performance
Armed Forces Development – and beyond?
Challenges: Influencing Factors

- Security challenges
- Personnel
- Finances
- Technology
Long-term AFD

Analysis of the strategic context

Planning assumptions

Political guidelines

Capability requirements

Measures

- required capabilities
- current capabilities
- capabilities gap

Financial resources

Feasible options

Programmes

Budget
Analysis of the Strategic Context
Creating a common understanding

- A holistic assessment of the strategic situation is vital in the military-strategic echelon.
- Understanding political ends as well as conditions, circumstances and interdependences in different context areas (e.g. politics, society, economy, information, science and technology).
- Deriving consequences for a deployment or development of Armed Forces.
Requirements

Analysis

✓ holistic
✓ clear-eyed
✓ unblinkered
✓ foresighted

Planning

✓ socio-economically aware
✓ budget-conscious
✓ prudent
However...

I'd like to get these neat Swiss knife and these Swiss army boots and binoculars!

And look at these Swiss army stuff is really any good?

How do you know that Swiss army stuff is really any good?

It must be good! Nobody's ever attacked 'em!

Yeah!