



## PILLAR 8



### Protection and defence of national and allied territory

In an international context marked by growing geopolitical tensions, we must strengthen our defence posture. This means preparing our Armed Forces to deal with conflicts, while continuing to carry out national missions. Luxembourg is investing in the modernisation of its military capabilities, in line with its commitments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the European Union (EU), and is developing its capabilities in the land, air, space and cyber domains. Located in the heart of Europe, our country plays an important role within NATO as a transit country for military equipment and troops through its motorway and rail network, its international airport and its river port. As part of its NATO commitments in the event of a defence

crisis or armed conflict, where the Luxembourg Armed Forces would no longer be able to carry out their civilian missions, the effort of managing disasters or crises would have to be shared among all the public civil society stakeholders involved in crisis management. A resilient nation is one that, in the event of a defence crisis or armed conflict, supports its Army through the cooperation of public administrations and civil society.

**Objective:** To strengthen Luxembourg's defence posture in order to protect the national territory and support allies, ensuring the continuity of vital societal functions and respecting international commitments.



#### Key actions

Several actions are being implemented to achieve this objective, such as:



#### To strengthen military capabilities and national defence posture:

- We continue to pursue the strategic growth trajectory of defence efforts in order to make long-term commitments and maintain a realistic level of ambition, while ensuring an economic return for Luxembourg.
- We strengthen Luxembourg's defence posture by modernising our land, air, space and cyber capabilities, in cooperation with NATO, the EU, Belgium and France.
- We identify the civil support needs of the Luxembourg Armed Forces in the event of a defence crisis or armed conflict.
- We define national tasks for optimal military preparation by identifying in advance the types of tasks that the Armed Forces could or should be required to perform on national territory before and during a conflict.



**To strengthen multilateral cooperation and international engagement:**

- We facilitate the transit and reception of allied forces through a structured framework of Host Nation Support.

**To stimulate innovation, specialisation and strategic adaptation:**

- We rely on the multilateral mechanisms of the EU and NATO to strengthen deterrence, collective defence and response to hybrid threats, by effectively mobilising civilian and military resources.
- We implement the Defence Space Strategy by consolidating national and international capabilities, focusing on dual-use technologies and cooperation with partners.
- We stimulate defence innovation and research, particularly in terms of dual-use capabilities. This involves strengthening civil-military synergies and public-private cooperation in key areas such as quantum technologies, biotechnology, robotics and hypersonics.

