

Starting a new Leopard Initiative

Joint Statement by the Defence Ministers of Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands:

We reaffirm our continued determination to support Ukraine in their endeavour to withstand Russian aggression. Together, in a joint initiative, we will significantly enhance Ukraine's military potential for the restoration of their violated territorial integrity. Within the coming months, Ukraine will receive at least 100 of LEOPARD 1 A5 battle tanks, including the required logistic support and training.

Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands are providing refurbished LEOPARD 1 A5 from industrial stocks; the first ones being delivered within a few months. In doing so, we are guided by the needs of Ukraine. Our initiative includes training on the LEOPARD 1 A5 as well as a "spare parts and ammunition-package".

The LEOPARD 1 A5 is a robust and assertive Western-designed main battle tank. Our experts are currently working out the next steps together with the industry. Our "Leo 1 A5 Initiative" is open to further partners. So far, Belgium has also shown initial interest to participate.

This initiative will contribute to a substantial and sustainable strengthening of the Ukrainian armed forces and complement the efforts already underway to support Ukraine with LEOPARD 2 main battle tanks.