

Joint statement from the transport ministers of Finland, Sweden and Norway

Transport ministers from Finland, Sweden and Norway have been observing the NATO-Exercise Immediate Response in Narvik 29 to 30 April 2024 to see and learn how the transport system can support military mobility. The Ministers agree to enhance and deepen the cooperation to support military mobility between our countries. The ministers will consider to summarize a Nordic strategy for long-term development of cross-border connections, based on each country's strategic transport plans.

Ports, rail, road links and airports must work well together, no chain is stronger than the weakest link. All stakeholders involved must cooperate and exercise regularly, from strategic to operative level. Joint exercises, mapping and analyses forms a good basis for the cooperation.

Deeper cooperation on emergency preparedness has positive effects for all users of the transport system, both civilian and military. Important areas of cooperation include notification and sharing of information and joint evaluation of transport corridors.

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