

## Military support for Ukraine

Ukraine's ability to defend itself against Russia is dependent on continued Western support. Denmark is among the largest military contributors to Ukraine relative to size, and the parties to the agreement want to ensure that Denmark maintains this position.

Since the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022, Denmark has made decisions to provide military support amounting to approximately DKK 4.9 billion. The parties to the agreement have now agreed to allocate approximately DKK 5.4 billion for military support in 2023. The agreement also includes a proposal to establish a provisional framework for 2024 and beyond for the expenses arising as a result of military support provided in 2023. Due to challenges with production lines, some equipment will not be available to reacquire or replace until after 2023, and thus will have a financial impact after 2023. For this reason, a number of donations will also require the allocation of funding in 2024 and beyond.

The Danish support is generally provided via donations from the stocks of the Danish Armed Forces, purchases via the Danish and international defence industry with a view to donation (including joint purchases with other countries), financial support for relevant funds and organisations, and training efforts.

### *Donations*

The Danish Government, based on military recommendations from the Danish Armed Forces, has prepared a number of donations that will be initiated as quickly as possible in connection with the establishment of the Ukraine Fund. The potential for additional donations will be assessed continuously, and it will also be possible to purchase equipment via the Danish and international defence industry with a view to donating to Ukraine.

### *Financial support*

It will be possible to provide additional financial support to Ukraine through various support funds.

Denmark is contributing financially to the British-led International Fund for Ukraine (IFU), which was established in connection with the Copenhagen Ukraine Conference in August 2022. The purpose of the fund is to create a basis for long-term support for Ukraine through investments in production lines in the defence industry, rather than – and in addition to – short-term purchases. Denmark donated approximately DKK 370 million to the IFU in 2022. The British-led fund announced the first donation package on 15 February 2023, which has a total value of approximately DKK 1.7 billion and includes air defence, drones and spare parts for tanks.

It will also be possible to provide financial support for Ukraine via NATO's Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP) Trust Fund, which finances various support projects.

### *Training*

The military support includes the training of Ukrainian soldiers outside of Ukraine. This training can be conducted under the direction of the EU training mission EUMAM, the British training mission INTERFLEX and the Danish state. Training activities will include basic military training, as well as specialised training in weapons systems such as CAESAR artillery systems.