



**THE SWISS
ARMED FORCES**



Preparing for the next generation of warfighting: balancing readiness vs equipment

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Aim and Objectives



- Mid and long-range ambitions for the Swiss Land Forces; reorienting the force to meet new threats
- The operational priorities for improving our requirements; concentrating on urban warfare training
- Effective deterrence through integrated fires, armour, communications and infantry formations

Preliminary remarks



- The **Swiss Armed Forces** are conscript forces. Just a small part of the military are regular soldiers, the rest are conscripts or volunteers.
- The **Land Forces** do not have an air component in their units.
- HQs have permanent location, in peacetime as well as during a crisis.



- **Land Forces Command – Tasks & Organisation**
- **Land Forces Doctrine**
- **Future Development Concept**
- **Q&A**

Joint Operations Command Organization



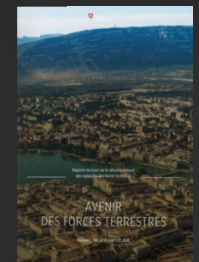
Land Forces Command Main Tasks



Readiness & Training Mech Div



Doctrine & Equipment Operations Sphere Land



Land Forces Command Commander's Mission



**Readiness
& Training**



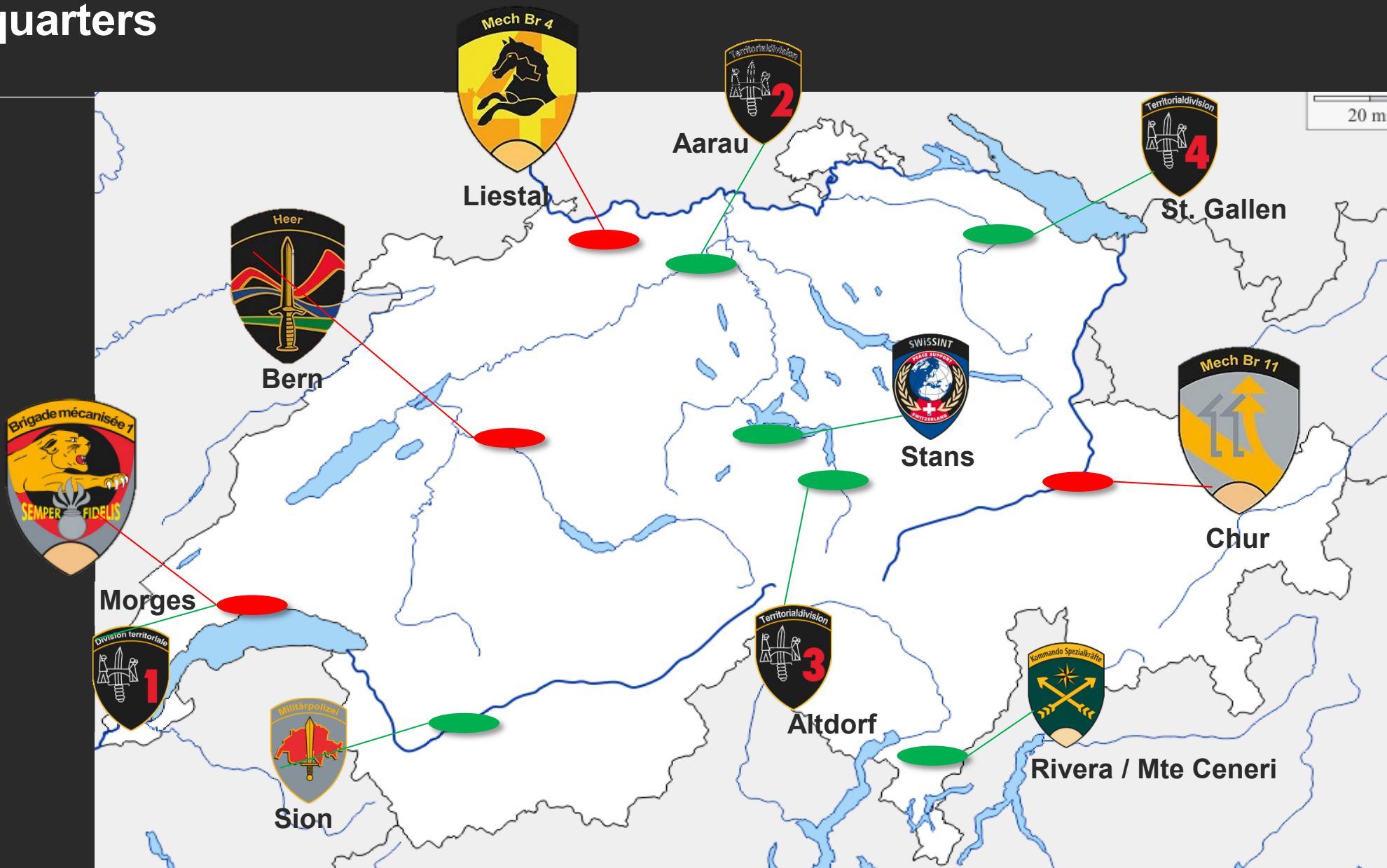
**Doctrine
& Equipment**

Personnel



**Mid- & Long-
term
Planning**

Land Forces Command Headquarters



Land Forces Main Systems



ARV "EAGLE III"



MBT "Leo 2 A4 MLU"



IFV "CV9030"



ABL "LEGUAN"



SPH "M-109 KAWEST"



ARV "BÜFFEL"



AEV "KODIAK"



AMC "M-113 MIRM"

Land Forces Components C2 Systems Centre of Competence



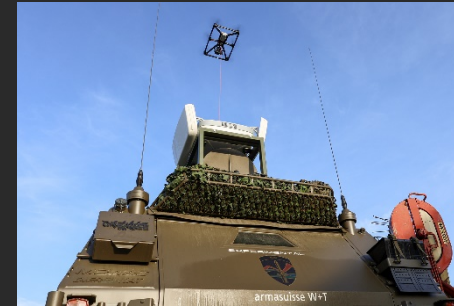
Land Forces Components

Centre of Competence for Drones and Robotics Defence (CC DRD)



Mission:

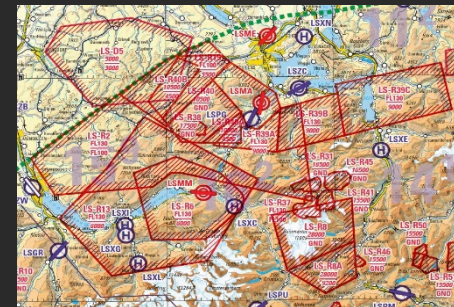
- Identifies and evaluates commercial technologies or prototypes according to the needs of the operation sphere ground forces.
- Accelerates the adoption of products in favour of users.
- Responsible for coordination within the fields of drones, drone defence and robotics in the department of defence.



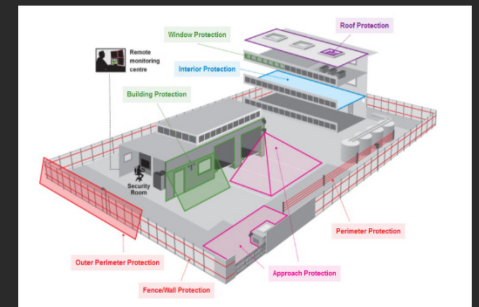
Line drone



C-UAS



Sync Military Aviation Authority



Perimeter surveillance



Political reports



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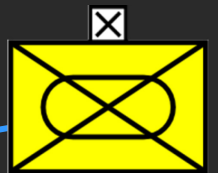
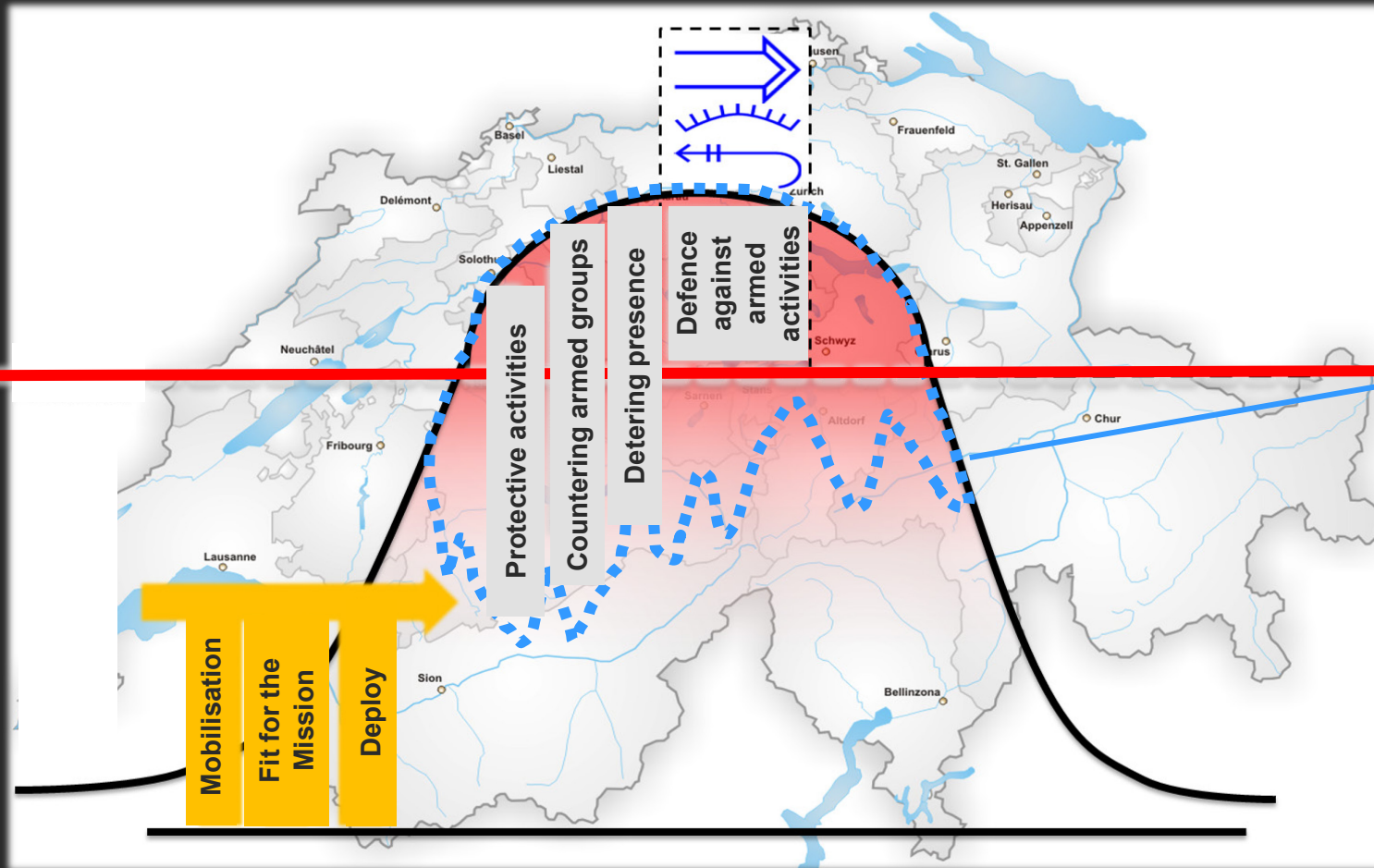
Land Forces Doctrine



Defence

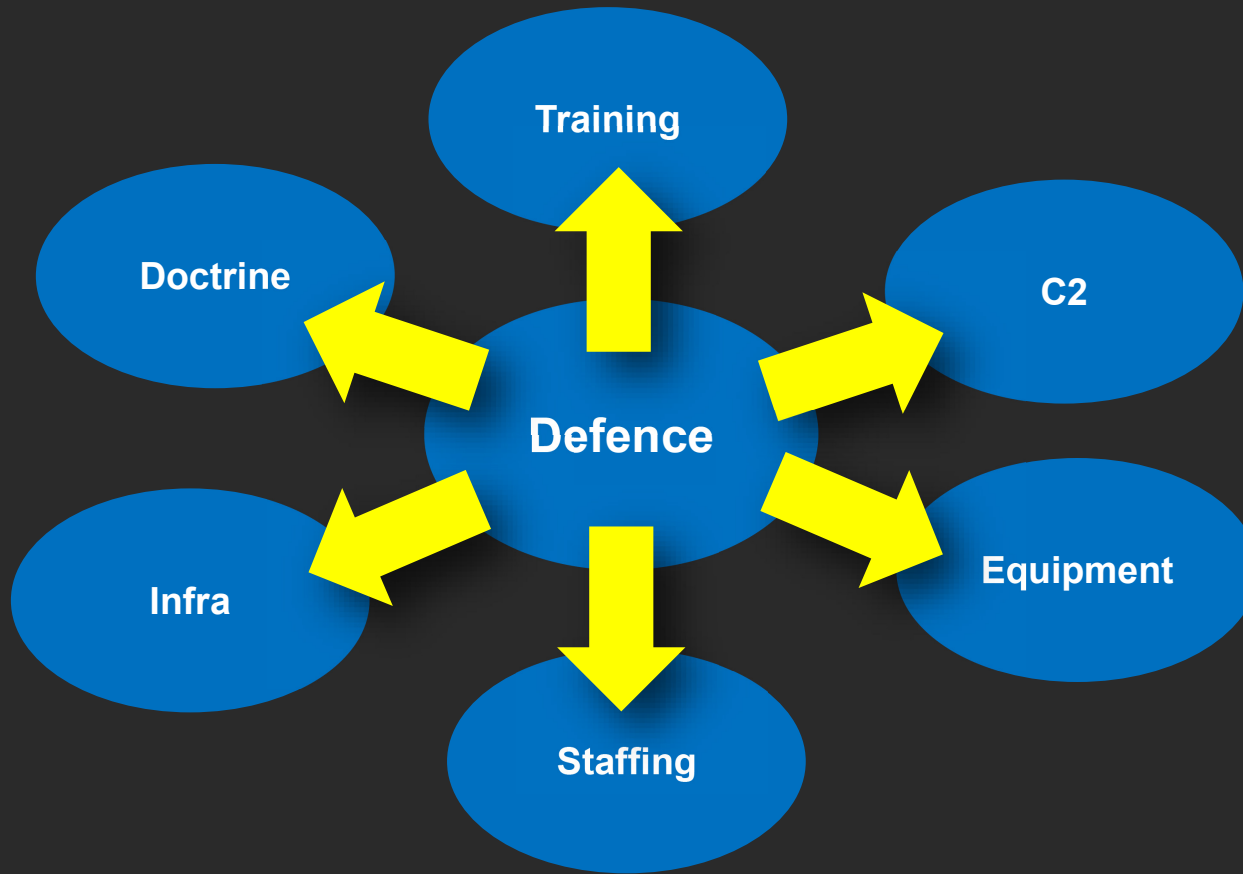
Political Decision

Support to the
civilian Authorities



Land Forces Doctrine

The Intention - *regaining the ability to defend*



Land Forces Doctrine

The Plan



Strategic focus to strengthen the defence capabilities:

- adaptive further development of military capabilities;
- exploiting opportunities arising from technological progress;
- intensify international cooperation.



Land Forces Doctrine

What we do



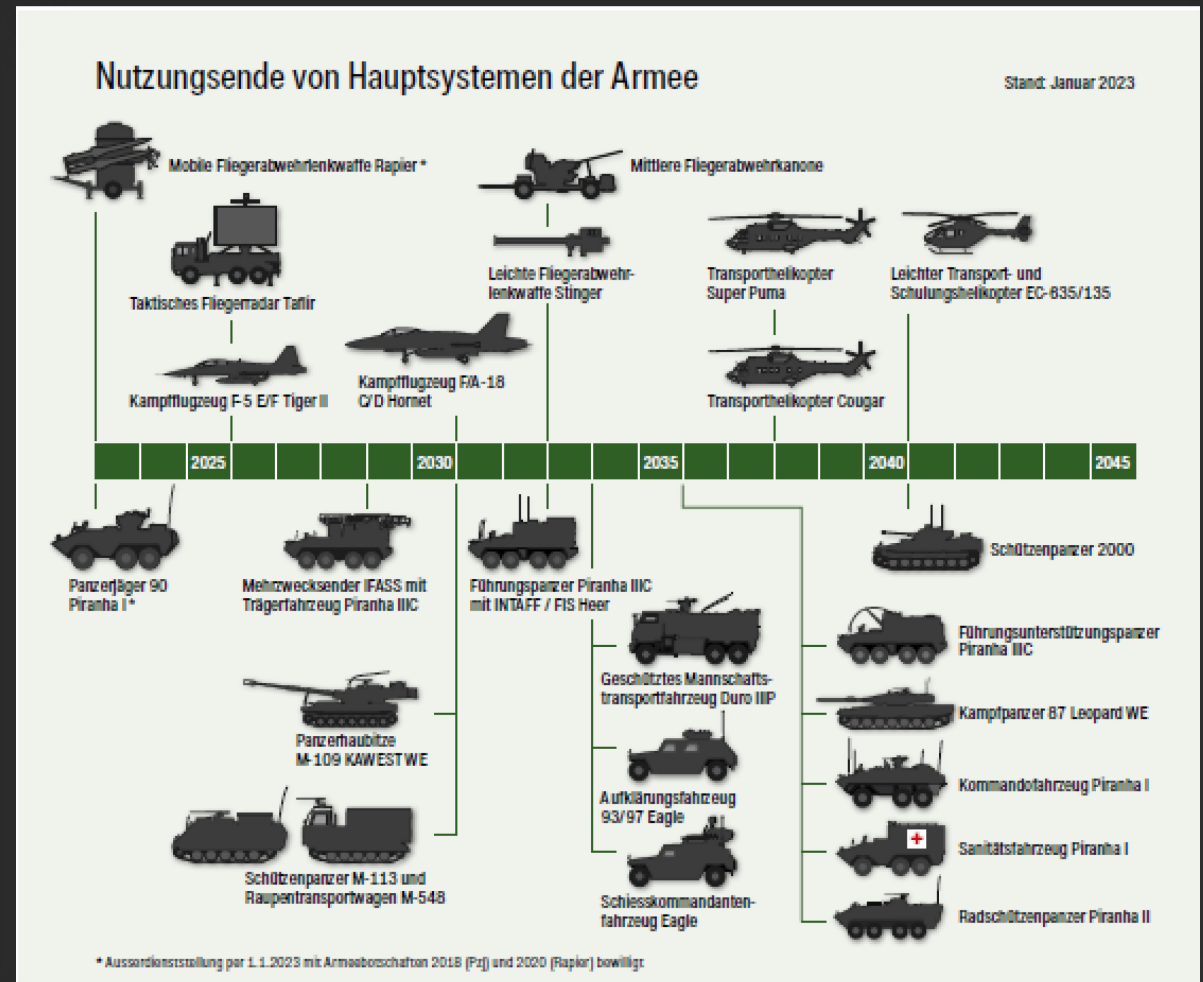
- Analyze an increase the level of interoperability in the staff of a division
- Transform our current mechanized division into two heavy divisions
- Develop new types of force categories (light, medium an heavy)
- Increasing the speed and networking of the OODA loop (observation - orientation - decision - action) with further technical development
- Exchange with the political level



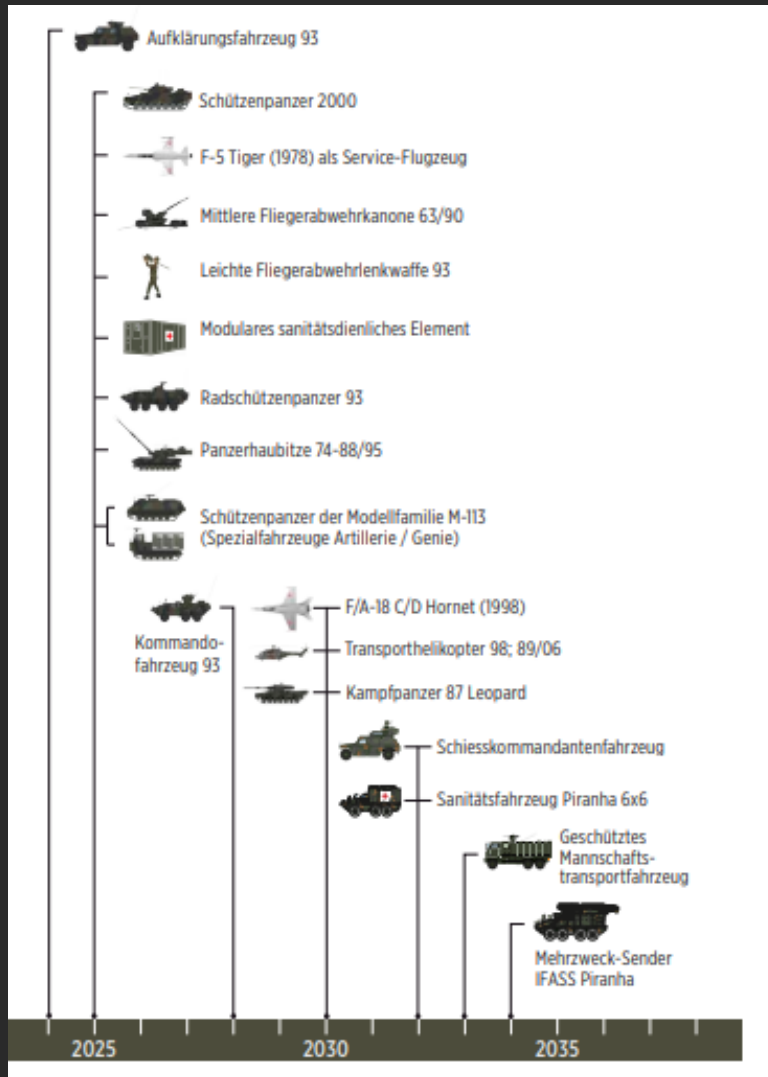
Land Forces Doctrine Future Topics



Replacement of main systems –
our main challenge



Land Forces Future Systems





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Future Development Concept

The Land Forces of Tomorrow



Today's conflicts are characterized by a multitude of actors and forms of action.



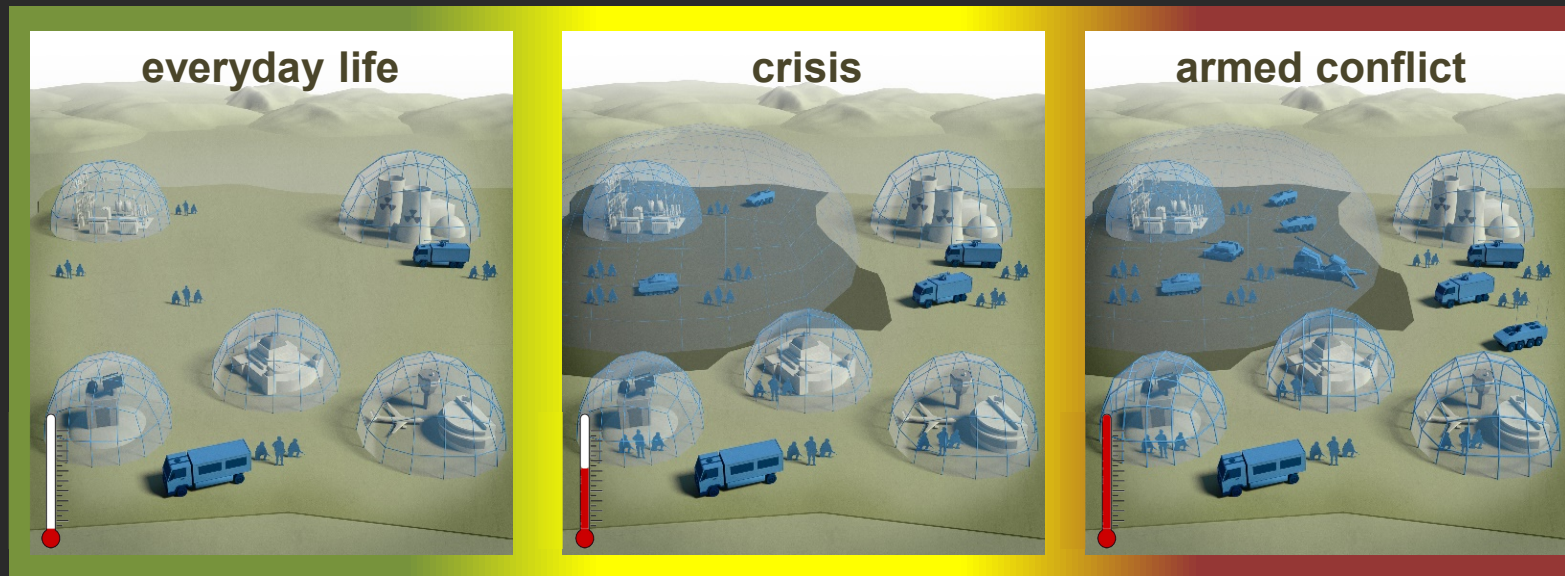
Today's operations take place in urban areas, in the midst of the civilian population and in coordination with civilian organizations.



Between 2023 and 2033, most of Switzerland's Land Forces main systems will reach the end of their life cycle.

Future Development Concept

Medium to long-term development of capabilities



Supporting the civilian authorities:

- in dealing with natural disasters;
- in providing security.

- Reinforcing the protective measures;
- Preventing conflicts by the presence of troops;
- Monitoring areas.

- Protecting the population from the use of heavy weaponry;
- Responding against attacks conducted by non-state and state actors.

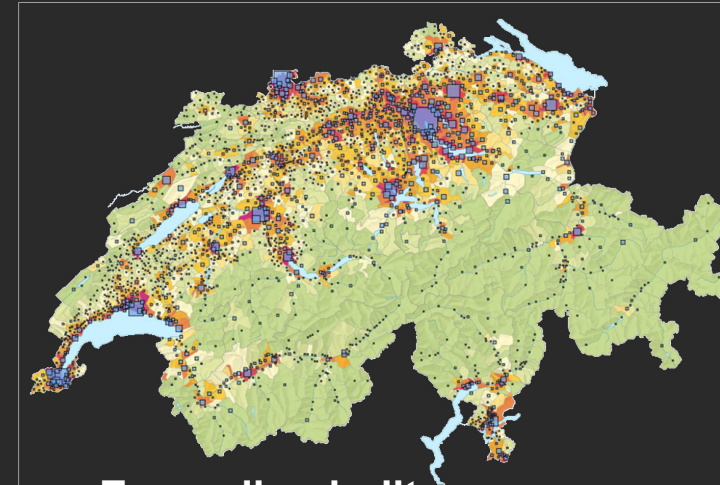
Future Development Concept

Take away



Hybrid conflict environment

Cooperation with civilian authorities



Expanding built-up areas

Sensor to effector loop





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