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The Netherlands Ministry of Defence is set to purchase new electronic warfare (EW) systems. EW capabilities make it possible to disrupt, jam or deceive enemy radio communications. The purchase is necessary to modernise and enhance EW capabilities.

Because EW capabilities are scarce in Europe, the Netherlands intends to purchase the systems jointly with other European countries. This will increase European strategic autonomy and interoperability and strengthen the European defence sector.

Interflex enters a new phase: over 63,000 Ukrainian service members trained

Four years after its launch, Operation Interflex has entered a new phase. This mission was started in order to train Ukraine's armed forces. Ukrainian service members received training in marksmanship, medical care and international humanitarian law. Ultimately, over 63,000 Ukrainian service members were trained, including around 11,000 instructors. Fourteen countries participated. Under British leadership, Interflex is entering a new phase, with the focus shifting from large-scale basic training courses to specialist training programmes. The Netherlands will not be participating.

Camouflage systems increase service members' chances of survival

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence will be purchasing hundreds of mobile camouflage systems for the Fennek reconnaissance vehicle, 2000NL self-propelled howitzer, CV90 infantry fighting vehicle and a number of other platforms. Saab Barracuda develops and manufactures the technology. Its camouflage solutions make vehicles less visible both to the naked eye and to radar and infrared sensors. They therefore protect military personnel in the field from enemy detection systems. Personnel are less easily seen or detected by drones, for example, which increases their safety and chances of survival.

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