# OSLO, NORWAY

# 29–31 OCTOBER 2026
## (THURSDAY–SATURDAY)

**DAY 1:** Thursday, 29 October 2026
**LOCATION:** Skur 13, Filipstadveien 3, 0250
**ACCESS:** Closed, by invitation only

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| 10:00 – 18:00 | Multimedia stands of 15 Ukrainian defence-tech companies |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Registration & Welcome coffee |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Opening & Welcome Speech**<br>• Oleksiy Gavrysh - Ambassador of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Norway<br>• Hanna Hvozdiar - Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine (online)<br>• Oleksandr Hain - Head of Strategic Communications Department, Ministry of Defence of Ukraine (online) |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Session 1:** Defense Industrial Co-operation in Practice: Operational Experience, Manufacturer Case Studies, and Systemic Bottlenecks<br>**Description:** A practical, grounded session moving beyond high-level strategy to examine real-world case studies from Norwegian and Ukrainian defense manufacturers. The session focuses on battlefield-tested operational lessons, technology integration challenges, and identifying concrete bottlenecks in supply chains, certification, and procurement.<br>**Speakers (TBC):**<br>• Marte Gerhardsen - State Secretary of the Norwegian Ministry of Defence TBC<br>• Representative of the Norwegian Defence Materiel Agency TBC<br>• Representative of Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace TBC<br>• Ole Henæs - Innovation Norway<br>• Davyd Aloian - Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (online)<br>• Representatives of Ukrainian Manufacturers<br>**Moderator:** Stephan Jensen - Partner at Orlyk & Company; Former Head of the Tony Blair Institute in Ukraine and previously served as an officer in the Norwegian Army |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break with coffee and canapés |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | **Matchmaking Session** between Norwegian and Ukrainian manufacturers, investors and government representatives: short pitches by Ukrainian companies (up to 5 minutes each).<br>**Moderator:** TBC |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Session 2:** Total Defence Starts in the Mind<br>**Format:** Cognitive-domain panel<br>**Description:** A discussion on societal cognitive resilience: what defence and public education in the cognitive domain look like in a country that has withstood more than four years of full-scale war, and what lessons this holds for Norway — a country that shares a border with Russia.<br>**Speakers (TBC):**<br>• Eskil Sivertsen - Special Adviser, Cyber-Social Influence Operations R&D, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)<br>• Paul Grøstad - Section Head (acting), Security and Countering Hybrid Threats, Ministry of Defence<br>• Bjørn Johan Berger - Expert on disinformation& FIMI countering<br>• OpenMinds Representative<br>• Qela representative<br>**Moderator:** Dr Bohdan Bevza - Head of the Analytical and Educational Department, Victory Neurones |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | An **informal reception** for up to 50 invited guests, providing an opportunity for networking and further discussions.<br>**Concert:** Ivan Tkalenko – ambient bandura musician, known for developing his own electric bandura. |

**DAY 2:** Friday, 30 October 2026
**LOCATION:** Skur 13, Filipstadveien 3, 0250
**ACCESS:** Open to the public

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| 12:00 – 21:30 | Multimedia stands of 10+ Ukrainian **defence-tech manufacturers.** |
| 12:00 – 21:30 | **Art exhibition**.<br>Press preview and **curator-led tour** with Alex Zakletsky (exhibition curator, photographer and serving member of the Armed Forces of Ukraine). |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Panel discussion** hosted by Cultural Forces: After Captivity — What happens to a person and society after returning from captivity<br><br>**Speakers:**<br>• Juan Alberto Leiva García - Prisoner of war (POW), active-duty Navy service member<br>• Tom Syring - Chairman of Human Rights Research League<br>**Moderator:** Valery Shyrokov, Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, press attaché of the Cultural Forces |
| 14:10 – 15:35 | **Panel discussion** hosted by Cultural Forces: The war you don't see: Hybrid warfare, the information environment and the battle for perceptions of reality.<br><br>**Speakers:**<br>• Oleksandr Komarov - philosopher, public figure, Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine<br>• Vakhtang Kebuladze - Ukrainian philosopher, publicist, translator, Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, and professor at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv<br>**Moderator:** Andrii Martynenko, Literary editor, literary critic, member of Cultural Forces, Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine |
| 16:10 – 16:55 | **Lecture** by Øystein Bogen – "Russia and Ukraine Through a Norwegian Journalist's Eyes. Stories and reflections from 30 years of reporting". |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | **Stand-up lectures:** Lessons from Ukrainian Informational Resilience<br><br>**Speakers (TBC):**<br>• Dr Bohdan Bevza, Head of the Analytical and Educational Department, Victory Neurones<br>• Ostap Ukrainets, Ukrainian writer & Translator, opinion leader<br>• Cognitive Companies representatives |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Concert featuring:**<br>• Ivan Tkalenko — ambient bandura musician, known for developing his own electric bandura; a veteran of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.<br>• Dakh Daughters — an all-female theatrical music group working across freak cabaret, dark cabaret and theatrical performance. |

**DAY 3:** Saturday, 31 October 2026
**LOCATION:** Skur 13, Filipstadveien 3, 0250
**ACCESS:** Open to the public

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| 12:00 – 21:30 | Multimedia stands of 10+ Ukrainian **defence-tech manufacturers.** |
| 12:00 – 21:30 | **Art exhibition**.<br>Press preview and **curator-led tour** with Alex Zakletsky (exhibition curator, photographer and serving member of the Armed Forces of Ukraine). |
| 13:30 – 14:10 | **Panel discussion** hosted by Cultural Forces: Ukraine and the Nordic Countries:<br>A Forgotten Connection. The historical and contemporary links between Ukraine and the Nordic countries: shared and separate paths.<br><br>**Speakers:**<br>• Vakhtang Kipiani - Ukrainian journalist, publicist, historian, editor, and writer. Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine<br>• Dr. Arve Hansen - Norwegian author, researcher, Senior Adviser in the Documentation and Accountability Hub and Project Manager for the Nansen Project.<br>**Moderator:** Kyrylo Lukashov - actor, director, cultural manager, civic activist, journalist, and radio host. Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine<br>Responsible partner: Cultural Forces of Ukraine |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **Panel discussion** hosted by Cultural Forces: The Words of War.<br>How war renames reality, how shared concepts and values shift under it, and why “Hemingway knows nothing”.<br><br>**Speakers:**<br>• Ihor Mitrov - Ukrainian poet, writer, literary scholar, critic, archaeologist, and serviceman<br>• Alina Sarnatska - Ukrainian servicewoman, veteran, human rights defender, radio host, and civic activist<br>• Henrik Hovland — Norwegian writer and journalist, member of Norwegian PEN<br>**Moderator:** Kyrylo Lukashov - actor, director, cultural manager, civic activist, journalist, and radio host. Serviceman of the Armed Forces of Ukraine |
| 15:45–16:45 | **Lecture** by Halvor Tjønn – Norwegian journalist, historian, and author.<br>Historical Ties Between Norway and Kyivan Rus' in the 9th–12th Centuries. |
| 18:30–22:00 | **Concert featuring:**<br>• Vasyl Slipak Ensemble - professional musicians, soloists, and conductors from Ukrainian theatres and philharmonic societies who joined the Defence Forces of Ukraine following the full-scale invasion.<br>• Orchestra 59 - a musical band that originated as the orchestra of the 59th Brigade and gradually developed into an independent creative unit within Cultural Forces.<br>• NAZVA - Ukrainian music band from Galicia and the Donbas. They self-identify their style as “alternative ethno-art chaos”.<br>• Ziferblat — a Ukrainian alternative band formed by the Leshchynskyi brothers, blending indie, art rock and progressive pop. In 2025, the band represented Ukraine at the Eurovision Song Contest. |