



# From Surveillance to Strategy – Next-Gen Subsea Defence Technologies

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**Subsea Security & Defence 2026** is the leading international forum convening experts to address the escalating challenges in underwater security, showcasing cutting-edge surveillance technologies, exploring the strategic military deployment of AUVs/ROVs, and developing robust cybersecurity solutions to protect critical subsea infrastructure, ensuring the safety and resilience of the underwater domain.

## What's Unique

- Bringing in over 20+ years of experience and expertise in the Energy, Oil, Gas, Exploration and Production space across top-notch leading industry events
- Home to a global community of over 20,000+ members of our Oil & Gas IQ and FPSO Network
- The only platform which provides a holistic overview of Subsea Energy, Security, Defence and Networks

## Key Themes

- Subsea Surveillance and Security
- Protection of Critical Subsea Infrastructure
- AUVs and ROVs for Defence
- Military Applications of Subsea Technology
- Cybersecurity for Subsea Networks

## Who Should Attend

**Subsea Security & Defence** brings together industry leaders across Government, Naval and Maritime Defence, Oil and Gas, Power and Renewable Energy as well as Telcos and Subsea Cable Owners and Operators responsible for:

- Coast Guards
- Naval & Maritime Chiefs
- CISOs
- CIOs
- Heads of Safety, Security & Business Continuity

### Meet Our Confirmed and Pending Speakers:

- **Mr Carl-Oskar Bohlin**, Minister for Civil Defence, **Swedish Ministry of Defence**
- **Bruno Lété**, Defence Policy Director & Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister, **Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Defence**
- **COMMO EDWIN M NERA PN**, Acting Chief of Naval Staff for Operations, **Philippine Navy**
- **John Healey**, Minister of Defence, **United Kingdom Ministry of Defence**
- **Antti Häkkinen**, Minister of Defence, **Finland Ministry of Defence**
- **Tore O. Sandvik**, Minister of Defence, **Norway Ministry of Defence**
- **Abdel Mageed Ahmed Abdel Mageed Saqr**, Minister of Defence, **Egypt Ministry of Defence**

**Main Conference Day One**  
**Wednesday, 11 February 2026**

08:00	Morning Refreshments & Registration
08:50	Welcome Address by <b>Subsea Nexus 2026</b>
08:55	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
<b>Connecting Energy, Security &amp; Networks Beneath the Surface</b>	
09:00	<p><b>Opening Panel Discussion</b> <b>Subsea Nexus – The Future of Integrated Subsea Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI-powered risk assessments optimising financial decisions for subsea projects.</li> <li>• Predictive analytics shaping subsea investment strategies.</li> <li>• Market outlook for integrated subsea energy, security, and network investments.</li> </ul>
09:40	<b>Industry Thought Leadership</b>
10:10	<p><b>Subsea Infrastructure Resilience – Future-Proofing Against Threats &amp; Failures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI-driven predictive analytics optimising subsea asset integrity.</li> <li>• Sustainable materials enhancing subsea infrastructure durability.</li> <li>• Investment trends in subsea resilience technologies.</li> </ul>
10:40	Speed Networking Session
11:00	Morning Break & Refreshments
<b>Critical Infrastructure &amp; Defence</b>	
11:30	Welcome Address by <b>Subsea Security &amp; Defence 2026</b>
11:35	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
11:40	<p><b>Securing Nordic Power Corridors: Sweden’s Expanding Role in Strategic Subsea Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening energy resilience in the Baltic through high-voltage subsea links: Lessons from Fenno-Skan and the upcoming Fenno-Skan 3</li> <li>• Evaluating critical subsea infrastructure vulnerabilities in the context of geopolitical tensions and hybrid threats</li> <li>• Cross-border cooperation and defence-readiness strategies for protecting Sweden’s growing underwater energy network</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr Carl-Oskar Bohlin, Minister for Civil Defence, Swedish Ministry of Defence</b></p>
12:10	<b>Industry Thought Leadership</b>
12:40	<p><b>Securing Belgium’s Princess Elisabeth Energy Island: Protecting Critical Subsea Power Assets in a Complex Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing advanced surveillance and monitoring technologies to detect and respond to threats on subsea cables and offshore substations</li> <li>• Strategies for physical hardening and rapid repair protocols to minimise downtime from sabotage or accidental damage</li> <li>• Enhancing cybersecurity frameworks to safeguard control systems and data integrity in subsea power networks</li> </ul> <p><b>Bruno Lété, Defence Policy Director &amp; Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister, Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Defence</b></p>
13:10	Lunch Break

<b>Technology &amp; Innovation</b>	
14:10	<p><b>Harnessing Innovation for Subsea Defence: The Philippine Navy's Next Phase of Underwater Capability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the role of advanced sonar, UUVs, and integrated subsea surveillance to strengthen maritime situational awareness</li> <li>• Collaborating with global defence and technology partners to develop secure and modern undersea infrastructure</li> <li>• Preparing for future conflicts with resilient, tech-enabled solutions in submarine operations, detection, and deterrence</li> </ul> <p><b>COMMO EDWIN M NERA PN, Acting Chief of Naval Staff for Operations, Philippine Navy</b></p>
14:40	<p><b>Autonomous Subsea Defence – AI &amp; Robotics Enhancing Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: Saab's autonomous underwater surveillance systems, improving maritime defence.</li> <li>• Market Insight: AI-powered autonomous defence expected to reduce operational risks by 40%.</li> <li>• AI-driven autonomous underwater vehicles enhancing military surveillance.</li> <li>• Smart sensor networks detecting unauthorised subsea activity.</li> </ul>
15:10	Afternoon Break & Refreshments
15:40	<p><b>Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) – Advancing Subsea Defence &amp; Inspection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: Oceaneering's Freedom ROV, an advanced system for deep-sea military surveillance.</li> <li>• Market Insight: ROVs expected to increase operational efficiency by 35% in subsea defence and infrastructure monitoring.</li> <li>• AI-driven automation enhancing real-time subsea inspection and maintenance.</li> <li>• Investment trends in ROV technology for defence, energy, and commercial applications.</li> </ul>
16:10	<p><b>Subsea Defence Strategy – Integrating AI &amp; Autonomous Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: Raytheon's AI-driven subsea defence strategy, enhancing military operations.</li> <li>• Market Insight: AI-powered defence planning expected to reduce operational costs by 30%.</li> <li>• Next-gen sensors enabling real-time threat detection.</li> <li>• Standardised modular defence equipment increasing flexibility.</li> </ul>
16:50	<b>Chairperson's Closing Remarks and End of Conference Day 1</b>

**Main Conference Day Two  
Thursday, 12 February 2026**

08:00	Morning Refreshments & Registration
08:50	Welcome Address by <b>Subsea Nexus 2026</b>
08:55	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
<b>Critical Infrastructure &amp; Connectivity</b>	
09:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Subsea Cybersecurity – Protecting Digital Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI-driven threat detection securing subsea networks.</li> <li>Blockchain-enhanced cybersecurity for offshore operations.</li> <li>Case study: Shell’s digital security framework.</li> <li>Investment trends in subsea cybersecurity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Potential Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Kevin Brown, VP of Digital Security, IBM</li> <li>Laura Simmons, Head of Cybersecurity, Schlumberger</li> </ul>
09:40	<b>Industry Thought Leadership</b>
10:10	<p><b>Subsea Energy &amp; Data Networks – Optimising Connectivity &amp; Power Distribution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-capacity subsea cables integrating offshore energy and data transmission.</li> <li>AI-driven demand forecasting optimising energy and network distribution.</li> <li>Case study: Prysmian Group’s high-efficiency subsea cable projects.</li> <li>Market outlook for integrated subsea energy and data networks.</li> </ul>
10:40	Speed Networking Session
11:00	Morning Break & Refreshments
<b>Surveillance &amp; Threat Detection</b>	
11:30	Welcome Address by <b>Subsea Security &amp; Defence 2026</b>
11:35	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
11:40	<p><b>Subsea Intelligence Gathering – AI-Driven Threat Detection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Case Study: Lockheed Martin’s AI-powered subsea intelligence systems, enhancing military surveillance.</li> <li>Market Insight: AI-driven threat detection expected to increase response time by 50%.</li> <li>Machine learning optimising subsea security operations.</li> <li>Investment trends in AI-powered subsea defence technologies.</li> </ul>
12:10	<b>Industry Thought Leadership</b>
12:40	<p><b>Deep-Sea Surveillance – Strengthening Maritime Intelligence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Case Study: Kongsberg’s deep-sea surveillance systems, enhancing threat detection.</li> <li>Market Insight: AI-driven subsea surveillance expected to increase detection accuracy by 45%.</li> <li>AI-powered analytics optimising subsea threat detection.</li> </ul>
13:10	Lunch Break
14:10	<p><b>Advancing Underwater Surveillance – AI &amp; Sensor Networks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Case Study: NATO’s subsea surveillance initiative, enhancing maritime security.</li> <li>Market Insight: AI-driven underwater monitoring expected to increase threat detection accuracy by 45%.</li> <li>AI-powered sensor networks improving real-time subsea surveillance.</li> <li>Investment trends in autonomous underwater security technologies.</li> </ul>
<b>Cyber Security &amp; Communications</b>	

14:40	<p><b>Cybersecurity for Subsea Networks – Safeguarding Critical Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: Google’s subsea cable encryption initiative, enhancing data security for global communication networks.</li> <li>• Market Insight: Cybersecurity investments in subsea networks projected to grow by 35% annually due to rising cyber threats.</li> <li>• AI-driven threat detection securing subsea communication networks from cyberattacks.</li> <li>• Blockchain-enhanced cybersecurity protecting offshore operations and military networks.</li> </ul>
15:10	<p>Afternoon Break &amp; Refreshments</p>
15:40	<p><b>Strengthening Digital Defences and Cybersecurity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: NATO’s AI-powered subsea cybersecurity initiative, improving real-time threat detection.</li> <li>• Market Insight: AI-driven cybersecurity expected to reduce response time to cyber threats by 50%.</li> <li>• Machine learning optimising subsea security operations and predictive threat analysis.</li> <li>• Investment trends in AI-powered subsea cybersecurity technologies for defence and commercial applications.</li> </ul>
16:10	<p><b>Subsea Military Communications – Securing Underwater Networks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Case Study: DARPA’s secure subsea communication systems, enhancing military operations.</li> <li>• Market Insight: AI-driven encryption expected to increase data security by 40%.</li> <li>• Blockchain-enhanced cybersecurity protecting military networks.</li> <li>• Investment trends in secure subsea communication technologies.</li> </ul>
16:50	<p><b>Chairperson’s Closing Remarks and End of Conference</b></p>