

Maritime Battle Decisive Munitions (MBDM)

LOI ¹ signed	MOU ² signed	1 st delivery	Further deliveries
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Participants



What is MBDM?

The Maritime Battle Decisive Munitions (MBDM) initiative includes all munition defined by participating Allies and partners as decisive for operations in the maritime domain. The variety of ammunition is widespread and includes surface-to-air missiles, surface-to-surface missiles, torpedoes and gun shells.

Multinational Effort

Furthermore, it aims to increase flexibility in stockpile management by decreasing legal and technical obstacles to sharing and exchanging munitions. It was launched during the 2018 NATO Summit when the Defence Ministers of Belgium, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Spain signed a Letter of Intent (LOI). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by these seven Allies as well as NATO partner nation Finland at the Defence Ministers' Meeting in June 2019.



This MOU provides the legal basis for the participants to jointly acquire and commonly stockpile and store a wide range of maritime munitions. Within the MOU, the participants have agreed on establishing a Management Group (MG) with a rotating lead nation role. Under this MG, for each specific munition type, an MBDM sub-group will be established.

Why is it important?

The project will make the provision of MBDM stockpiles more efficient and effective by aggregating national procurement requirements, simplifying technical and legal processes, and investigating common stockpiling and storage. Overall, the management of the munition throughout its whole lifetime can be systematically done on a multinational level. In the long term, the project endeavors to increase the interchangeability of MBDM stockpiles, as well as achieving greater commonality among the nations' inventories.

1 Letter of Intent – initial non-binding document outlining participants' will to explore the area in question further.

2 Memorandum of Understanding – legally binding document specifying details of cooperation.

Did you know?

MBDM is the third one of the High Visibility Projects in the area of munitions, the previous two being Land Battle Decisive Munitions (LBDM) and Air to Ground Precision Guided Munition (A2G-PGM).



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