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Submarine capability beyond 2020



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Submarine capability beyond 2020

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- Conceptual studies; alternative solutions
- Current project status and plan for the next phase
- Political considerations



Background information

A Service Life Extension Program or procurement of new submarines will be required in order to maintain a submarine capability when the Ula-class reaches the end of its service life.

Conceptual studies have been conducted since 2007 in two phases, identifying, studying and evaluating alternative solutions.

The project is named P6346 *Submarine capability beyond 2020*.



Project 6346 – conceptual study phase

Produce a basis for the Government's decision between a Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) for the Ula-class and procurement of new submarines

Milestones:

Ultimo 2014:	Presentation of the recommendation to the government
2014-2016:	Project definition phase; produce a procurement plan
Within 2017:	Government, and then Parliament, make an investment decision





New submarines

Life extension

Annexes and appendixes

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Political considerations

«The submarine is a key capability in a modern defence force.» (Parliamentary proposition 73 S – White paper 2012)

Norway is a maritime nation. Maintaining a credible deterrent in the maritime domain is important for a small nation with significant ocean areas, a long coastline and huge economic interest in maritime industries.

- Life Cycle Cost (LCC)
- The future structure of the Armed Forces
- International cooperation – finding a partner(s)
- Norwegian defence industrial interests





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Summary and conclusion

- ✓ Project 6346 is on schedule in producing a basis for the decision between SLEP and new submarines
- ✓ A recommendation will be presented to the government in 2014
- ✓ A project definition phase will start in 2014, and the plan is to present the Parliament with an investment project within 2017