



## Advisory Board for Defence Information (ABDI)

### ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Advisory Board for Defence Information (ABDI) acts as a parliamentary forum that organises dialogue on security policy, homeland defence and preparedness for crises and emergencies among civil society organisations, decision-makers, authorities, the media and specialists. The ABDI monitors general preparedness for crises and emergencies in society and studies the related needs with a special focus on communications.

It helps civil society organisations and the media to develop their expertise and competence in security policy, homeland defence and preparedness. The ABDI surveys public attitudes towards security policy, homeland defence and general crisis awareness. It also pursues close cooperation at the Nordic level, especially with partners in Norway and Sweden.

#### ABDI IN 2025

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which started in February 2022, has had a fundamental impact on Finland's foreign and security policy and security environment. It was three years in the spring of 2025 since Finland acceded to NATO. Destabilising activities around the world and in Finland's neighbouring areas have become mainstream. Global security is undergoing a significant transformation.

The Government appointed the ABDI for the parliamentary term on 7 September 2023. The ABDI is chaired by Member of Parliament (MP) *Jarno Linnell* (National Coalition Party), while Parliamentary Assistant *Marika Sorja* (Finns Party) and MP *Tuula Väättäinen* (Social Democratic Party of Finland) serve as Vice-Chairs.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to have an impact on the implementation of the ABDI's annual survey. As was done already in 2020, the 2025 survey combined personal interviews and an internet panel. Before 2020, only personal interviews were used.

Since early 2020, following the coronavirus pandemic, the ABDI has been using the 'hybrid work model' in most of its activities so that people have been able to attend meetings and events either in person or remotely. Another benefit of hybrid working is that the ABDI's target groups working and/or living abroad can participate in the ABDI's events from abroad. It has also transformed the ABDI's activities so that remote work has become a well-established alternative to office work for the secretariat.

Besides a Work Branch, the ABDI has an Education and Organisation Branch, a Media Branch and a Research Branch.

#### SEMINARS AND PUBLIC EVENTS

The ABDI's *open public events* are open to everyone, while the *seminars* are by invitation only.

The ABDI requests feedback from all event participants, and, for a long time, the response has been that overall, the ABDI's events are well-organised and have interesting themes.

The materials, detailed programmes, presentations, photos and livestream recordings of the ABDI's seminars are available in Finnish on the ABDI page of the Ministry of Defence's website ([www.defmin.fi/mts](http://www.defmin.fi/mts) → Seminaarit).

## **The ABDI organised the following events in 2025:**

### ***Open public event in Kouvola on 28 April 2025***

The ABDI organised a public event on foreign and security policy and homeland defence in the banqueting hall at Kouvola City Hall on 28 April 2025. The event was streamed live.

ABDI Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* opened the event, followed by Chief Executive *Marita Toikka* on behalf of the City of Kouvola.

Brigadier General *Jyri Raitasalo*, Commander of the Karelia Brigade, gave the keynote address.

After the opening speeches, a panel discussed foreign and security policy and homeland defence. The panel members were:

- *Paula Werning*, MP (Social Democratic Party)
- *Jani Mäkelä*, MP (Finns Party)
- *Antti Häkkänen*, Minister of Defence (National Coalition Party)
- *Hanna Kosonen*, MP (Centre Party)
- *Hanna Holopainen*, MP (The Greens)

Journalist *Jari Korkki* moderated the panel discussion.

Around 85 people attended the event at the City Hall, and the streaming was watched on about 70 terminal devices. All in all, at least 155 people attended the event either in person or remotely.

### ***Open public event in Lahti on 16 June 2025***

The ABDI organised a public event on foreign and security policy and homeland defence in the inner courtyard at Lahti City Hall on 16 June 2025. The event was streamed live.

The ABDI's Chair *Jarno Linnell* (National Coalition Party) opened the event, followed by Chief Executive *Niko Kyyräinen* on behalf of the City of Lahti.

*Annukka Ylivaara*, Secretary General of the Security Committee, gave the keynote address.

After the opening speeches, a panel discussed foreign and security policy and homeland defence. The panel members were:

- *Jari Ronkainen*, MP (Finns Party)
- *Mika Kari*, MP (Social Democratic Party)
- *Hannu Rahkonen*, City Councillor (National Coalition Party)
- *Hilkka Kemppi*, MP (Centre Party)
- *Aino-Kaisa Pekonen*, MP (Left Alliance)
- *Sonja Falk*, Special Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry (Christian Democrats).

*Markus Pirttijoki*, Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper *Etelä-Suomen Sanomat*, moderated the panel discussion.

The ABDI's Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* gave the closing words of the event.

Around 100 people attended the event at the City Hall, and the streaming was watched on about 50 terminal devices. All in all, at least 150 people attended the event either in person or remotely.

### ***Open public event in Hämeenlinna on 15 September 2025***

The ABDI organised a public event on foreign and security policy and homeland defence in the city council chamber at Hämeenlinna City Hall on 15 September 2025. The event was streamed live.

The ABDI's Chair *Jarno Linnell* (National Coalition Party) opened the event, followed by Chief Executive *Olli-Poika Parviainen* on behalf of the City of Hämeenlinna.

*Esa Pulkkinen*, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, gave the keynote address.

After the opening speeches, a panel discussed foreign and security policy and homeland defence. The panel members were:

- *Jari Ronkainen*, MP (Finns Party)
- *Johannes Koskinen*, MP (Social Democratic Party)
- *Timo Heinonen*, MP (National Coalition Party)
- *Hilkka Kemppe*, MP (Centre Party)
- *Aino-Kaisa Pekonen*, MP (Left Alliance)
- *Päivi Räsänen*, MP (Christian Democrats)

*Petri Kejonen*, Producer at YLE, moderated the panel discussion.

The ABDI's Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* gave the closing words of the event.

Around 110 people attended the event at the City Hall, and the streaming was watched on about 100 terminal devices. All in all, at least 210 people attended the event either in person or remotely.

### ***Seminar for journalists in Helsinki on 11 December 2025***

The ABDI organised a seminar for journalists discussing foreign and security policy and homeland defence at the Ostrobotnia hall on 11 December 2025. The event was streamed live.

The event was opened by MP *Jarno Linnell*, ABDI Chair, followed by the first speaker of the seminar, Associate Professor *Rinna Kullaa* from the University of Tampere, who discussed the history and prospects of Ukraine. Next, *Heli Simola*, Senior Economist at the Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies, gave an overview of the economic outlook of Russia and Ukraine. *Antti Häkkinen*, Minister of Defence, discussed current affairs as the third speaker.

The fourth speaker of the seminar was *Juha Martelius*, Chief of the Security Police, who gave an overview of national security. Next, Colonel *Markku Pajuniemi*, Director of the Finnish Defence Intelligence Agency, discussed Finland's current security environment. He was followed by *Petteri Vuorimäki*, Chief Specialist at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, whose topic was climate and security. Other speakers at the seminar were: Brigadier General *Mika Rytönen*, Chief of the Border and Coastguard Division at the Finnish Border Guard Headquarters, discussing the current affairs of the Finnish Border Guard; *Maria Lindén*, Researcher at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, discussing the United States; and Professor *Hannu Juusola* from the University of Helsinki, discussing the Middle East.

The ABDI's Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* gave the closing words of the seminar.

About 130 people attended the seminar in person at the Ostrobothnia hall, and 103 people watched the live stream. All in all, around 230 people attended the seminar either in person or remotely.

## **ABDI SURVEY**

Each year, the ABDI conducts an extensive survey, comprising the entire population, to investigate the opinions and attitudes of Finns towards security policy and homeland defence and the factors influencing them.

Commissioned by the ABDI, the market research company Taloustutkimus Oy carried out the 2025 survey. The 2025 survey combined personal interviews and an internet panel, following the pattern of the 2020 survey, whereas earlier surveys consisted of personal interviews only.

The interviews took place between 11 September and 6 October 2025. The online panel responses were collected between 30 September and 7 October 2025. The sample was 1,072 people, and the target group was Finland's population between the ages of 15 and 79, not including Åland.

Altogether, the survey had 19 questions, three of them new. In addition, the list of questions was revised and streamlined by combining some of the question sets. The list of questions was revised in a workshop of the Research Branch that was also open to members of the Work Branch.

Revising the visual design of the survey presentation materials and the video summaries and short videos about the survey was a particular focus in 2025.

The results of the survey were revealed in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia on 9 December 2025. The event was also available for remote participation. *Jarno Limnell*, ABDI Chair, opened the event, followed by *Riku Keski-Rauska*, Chair of the ABDI's Research Branch. Next, *Markus Kinkku*, ABDI Secretary General, presented the survey results. *Tuomo Turja*, Research Director at Taloustutkimus Oy, was also present at Ostrobothnia to answer questions.

The survey reports published by the ABDI are in the public domain and accessible to all. When citing or using the results, always mention the relevant ABDI survey as the source.

The survey reports are available online on the ABDI site of the Ministry of Defence's website ([https://www.defmin.fi/en/the\\_advisory\\_board\\_for\\_defence\\_information\\_abdi](https://www.defmin.fi/en/the_advisory_board_for_defence_information_abdi) → Bulletins and Reports). The reports are also available online in Finnish and Swedish.

## **NORDIC COOPERATION**

The ABDI works together with its Nordic sister organisations: Folk och Försvar in Sweden, Folk og Forsvar in Norway and Folk & Sikkerhed in Denmark.

Each year, the four organisations organise a *Nordic conference* on a rotating basis.

The 2025 Nordic conference took place in Kuopio between 22 and 24 September 2025. Its theme was *Nordic cooperation in the new world order – the Eastern element from the perspective of security and preparedness*.

*Tuula Väättäinen*, Member of Parliament, Vice-Chair of the ABDI, Councillor of the City of Kuopio and Chair of the Assembly of the Regional Council of North Savo, addressed the conference on behalf of the City of Kuopio. *Jarno Limnell*, ABDI Chair, opened the conference.

Presentations on *Monday 22 September*:

- “NATO, the European Union and Nordic cooperation networks in Northeastern Europe” by *Janne Kuusela*, Director General at the Ministry of Defence

- “Reorganisation of security policy in Northern Europe” by *Iro Särkkä*, Senior Researcher at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs
- “On hybrid threats against Europe” by *Tapio Pyysalo*, Head of International Relations at the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE).

Presentations on *Tuesday 23 September*:

- “Situation at Finland’s eastern border” by Colonel *Matti Pitkäniitty*, Commander of the North Karelia Border Guard District
- “Reservists in North Savo” by *Simo Jääskeläinen*, Member of the Board of Directors of the Reserve Officer District of North Savo.

Next, the conference delegations visited the Karelian Air Wing. They were met by SFC *Mikko Rönkkö* hosted by Colonel *Tomi Böhm*, Commander of the Air Wing. Captain *Mikko Honkalampi* gave a presentation on the conscription system, and Lieutenant-General *Tatu Koistinen* demonstrated the synthetic training system.

After the visit to the Karelian Air Wing, the conference continued with the following presentations:

- “North Savo comprehensive security cluster” by Harriet Lonka, PhD, Project Leader
- “Preparation of the Centre of Excellence for Comprehensive Security” by Colonel (retd) Asko Muhonen, Senior Specialist, City of Kuopio.

Next followed a panel discussion on *Outlooks on comprehensive societal preparedness and security and its different tiers in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark as well as on Nordic cooperation*. The panel members were:

- *Monica K. Mattsson Kämpe*, Secretary General, Folk og Forsvar, Norway
- *Hanna Waerland-Fager*, Senior Senior Specialist on Civil Protection, Embassy of Sweden in Helsinki
- *Thorbjørn Nesjan*, Member of the Board of Directors, Head of the International Branch, Folk & Sikkerhed, Denmark.

*Harriet Lonka*, PhD, moderated the panel discussion.

The last address of the day was delivered by *Soile Lahti*, Mayor of Kuopio, at the City Hall.

Presentations on *Wednesday 24 September*:

- “An introduction to the Emergency Services Academy Finland and its training centre” by *Minna Hirvonen*, Director of Training, and *Kirmo Savolainen*, Head of Training
- “Business and industry and comprehensive security” by *Paula Aikio-Tallgren*, CEO, Savon Yrittäjät ry
- “An introduction to the police in Eastern Finland” by *Samppa Holopainen*, Police Chief, Eastern Finland Police Department.

The closing words of the conference were delivered by *Tuula Väättäinen*, Member of Parliament and Vice-Chair of the ABDI.

On Wednesday, after the presentations, the delegations visited a dual-use civil defence shelter in Savilahti. The shelter is the most modern of its kind in Northern Europe. *Mikko Moilanen*, Head of

Security at the City of Kuopio, and Colonel (ret'd) *Asko Muhonen*, Senior Specialist at the City of Kuopio, gave the delegates a tour of the shelter.

The ABDI delegation at the 2025 Nordic conference included Chair *Jarno Limnell*, Vice-Chair *Tuula Väättäinen*, members of the Work Branch *Harriet Lonka*, *Timo Perälä*, *Johanna Kelhu*, *Elli Flén* and *Matti Heikkinen*, Chair of the Media Branch *Petri Korhonen*, Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* and Assistant Secretary General *Laura Renvall*.

A meeting preparing for the 2026 Nordic conference was held in Oslo on 25 November 2025, attended by the ABDI's Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* in person and by Assistant Secretary General *Laura Renvall* via remote connection.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **National defence courses**

Each year, the ABDI proposes a list of the journalists and representatives of science it would like to see invited to join the National Defence Courses. The list of invitees is confirmed by the Delegation of National Defence Education. The ABDI was represented in the delegation by Chair *Jarno Limnell* as a full member and Secretary General *Markus Kinkku* as deputy member.

### **Basic communications course**

The ABDI recruits journalists and communications specialists who have not done military service to a basic communications course, organised annually by the Public Information Division of the Defence Command Finland. The 56th course was held at the Defence Command Finland and the Coastal Brigade in Upinniemi, Kirkkonummi, from 6 to 9 October 2025. Altogether 21 ABDI-recruited journalists and communications specialists, who have not done military service, attended the course.

### **ABDI website and social media**

The ABDI has its own site at the website of the Ministry of Defence [www.defmin.fi/mts](http://www.defmin.fi/mts). The website has information about the ABDI, its activities and its seminars and events, including photos and recordings. The ABDI site, including its language versions, was visited a total of 3,000 times in 2025. Survey reports were downloaded from the Institutional Repository for the Government (Valto) and from the ABDI site, language versions included, altogether 4,540 times.

The ABDI has had a Twitter (now X) account, *@MTS\_Suomi*, since the end of December 2015. The ABDI uses the account especially to communicate about its events and surveys but also to distribute other information on foreign and security policy and homeland defence. The same applies to the ABDI's LinkedIn profile, which it created in 2024.

### **Branches and meetings**

In 2025, the ABDI had a Work Branch, an Education and Organisation Branch, a Media Branch and a Research Branch. The branch meetings prepared the ABDI's activities.

The Plenum, or general meeting, convened once in 2025. The Work Branch met five times, the Research Branch four times and the Media Branch and the Education and Organisation Branch each twice. A total of 14 meetings were held during the year.

The following persons gave presentations at the ABDI's branch meetings in 2024:

*Ismo Huhtanen*, Director of Legal Affairs at News Media Finland, gave a presentation on "The State of Defence Act from the perspective of the media" at a meeting of the Media Branch on 6 February 2025, held in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia and via remote connection.

*Petteri Vuorimäki*, Ambassador for Arctic Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, gave a presentation on “What is the Arctic and what is its significance now and in the future?” at a meeting of the Education and Organisation Branch on 27 February 2025, held in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia and via remote connection.

*Niina Hyrsky*, Director of Communications at the Ministry of Defence, gave a presentation on “Topical debates” at a meeting of the Work Branch on 29 April 2025, held in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia and via remote connection.

*Kateřina Buchtová*, Trainee at the Concepts and Doctrine Division of the Finnish Defence Research Agency, gave a presentation on “Views on conscription by a Finnish citizen with foreign background” at a meeting of the Research Branch on 9 June 2025, held in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia and via remote connection.

*Hannu Maijanen*, Head of Social Affairs at Defence Command Finland, gave a presentation on “Dropping out of military service as a phenomenon” and *Heikki Korva*, Chaplain at Kainuu Brigade, and *Miikka Kortelainen*, acting Executive Director of MIELI Mental Health Kainuu, gave a presentation on “Peer support for fighters at Kainuu Brigade” at a meeting of the Education and Organisation Branch on 10 September 2025, held in the Topelius meeting room at Ostrobothnia and via remote connection.

*Joonas Pörsti*, responsible editor for Faktabaari fact-checking service, gave a presentation on “Fact checking trends” at a meeting of the Media Branch on 20 November 2025 in the Juho meeting room at Radisson Blu Plaza.

## **MEMBERS OF THE ABDI**

Appointed by the Government on 7 September 2023, the present Advisory Board for Defence Information (ABDI) started its work on the same day and will continue until the term of the next advisory board starts after the next parliamentary elections.

As of 7 September 2023, the ABDI has 18 members, 17 deputy members and 12 other members.

The ABDI was chaired by Member of Parliament (MP) *Jarno Limnell* (National Coalition Party). The two vice-chairs were Parliamentary Assistant *Marika Sorja* (Finns Party), and her deputy Parliamentary Assistant *Ismo Nöjd*, Master of Laws (Finns Party), and MP *Tuula Väättäinen* (Social Democratic Party of Finland), and her deputy Head of Communications *Miia Järvi* (Social Democratic Party of Finland).

Other members and deputy members are as follows:

- *Riku Keski-Rauska*, PhD, Director of Archives (National Coalition Party), and his deputy MP *Juha Hänninen* (National Coalition Party)
- *Riikka Varila*, Executive Director (National Coalition Party), and her deputy *Janina Haapaniemi*, Social Media Strategist (National Coalition Party)
- *Kristiina Kokko*, Party Secretary (National Coalition Party), and her deputy *Riitta Savukoski*, Employment Specialist (National Coalition Party)
- *Teija Makkonen*, State Secretary (Finns Party), and her deputy *Iiro Silvander*, Committee Specialist (Finns Party)
- *Mikko Polvinen*, MP (Finns Party), and his deputy *Heidi Pöykiö*, Planning Assistant (Finns Party)

- *Tomi Immonen*, MP (Finns Party), and his deputy *Hannu Peurasaari*, Special Adviser to a Minister (Finns Party)
- *Mika Kari*, MP (Social Democratic Party of Finland), and his deputy *Pekka Tuuri*, Head of Organisation (Social Democratic Party of Finland)
- *Petri Korhonen*, Editor-in-Chief (Social Democratic Party of Finland), and his deputy *Harri Järvinen*, Journalist (Social Democratic Party of Finland)
- *Ida-Susanna Pöllänen*, Specialist (Social Democratic Party of Finland), and her deputy *Vesa Mauriala*, Head of Civic Participation (Social Democratic Party of Finland)
- *Harriet Lonka*, PhD (Centre Party), and her deputy *Perttu Helin*, Special Education Teacher (Centre Party)
- *Joonas Immonen*, journalist (Centre Party) (until 21 December 2025), *Otto Suhonen*, Student of Laws (as of 21 December 2025), and their deputy *Helena Pakarinen*, Political Specialist (Centre Party)
- *Timo Perälä*, Senior Officer (The Greens), and his deputy *Tiina Kivinen*, Secretary General (The Greens)
- *Johanna Kelhu*, Political Adviser (Left Alliance), and her deputy *Antero Eerola*, Journalist (Left Alliance)
- *Kari Salmi*, Brigadier General (reserve), CEO (Swedish People's Party of Finland), and his deputy *Elli Flén*, Communications Consultant (Swedish People's Party of Finland)
- *Matti Heikkinen*, Engineer (Christian Democrats in Finland), and his deputy *Reija Taupila*, Production Manager (Christian Democrats)
- *Saara Jantunen-Paju*, Senior Specialist, Doctor of Military Sciences, Prime Minister's Office
- *Markus Teir*, Deputy Director of Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (until 4 April 2025)
- *Hanna Lepistö*, Deputy Director of Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (from 4 April to 21 October 2025)
- *Sven Kilemet*, Deputy Director of Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (as of 21 October 2025)
- *Marikaisa Tiilikainen*, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Defence
- *Jaana Vaahtio*, Head of Communications, Ministry of the Interior
- *Mari-Kaisa Brander*, Director of Communications, Ministry of Education and Culture
- Captain (N) *Kaarle Wikström*, Director of Public Information, Defence Command Finland
- Captain (N) *Misa Kangaste*, Director External Relations, National Defence University (until 21 October 2025)
- Colonel Pasi Hirvonen, Vice Rector, National Defence University (as of 21 October 2025)
- *Marko Lehti*, Research Director, Tampere Peace Research Institute
- *Minna Asikainen*, Head of Content, Finnish Broadcasting Company
- *Minna Holopainen*, Editor-in-Chief, Finnish News Agency STT

- *Sirpa Kirjonen*, Marketing and Research Director, Finnish Media Federation
- *Petri Savolainen*, Master of Laws, Chief Negotiator, Union of Journalists in Finland

In addition to *Jarno Linnell* (National Coalition Party), *Marika Sorja* (Finns Party) and *Tuula Väättäinen* (National Coalition Party), the following persons also serve as members of the Work Branch:

- *Riku Keski-Rauska*, PhD, Chief of Archives (National Coalition Party)
- *Mikko Polvinen*, MP (Finns Party)
- *Mika Kari*, MP (Social Democratic Party of Finland)
- *Harriet Lonka*, PhD (Centre Party)
- *Timo Perälä*, Chief Inspector (The Greens)
- *Johanna Kelhu*, Political Adviser (Left Alliance)
- *Elli Flén*, Communications Consultant (Swedish People's Party of Finland)
- *Matti Heikkinen*, Engineer (Christian Democrats in Finland)
- *Marikaisa Tiilikainen*, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Defence

The following persons serve as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the branches:

- Chair of the Research Branch *Riku Keski-Rauska*, PhD, Director of Archives (National Coalition Party), Vice-Chair *Timo Perälä*, Chief Inspector (The Greens)
- Chair of the Media Branch *Petri Korhonen*, Editor-in-Chief (Social Democratic Party of Finland), Vice-Chair *Elli Flén*, Communications Consultant (Swedish People's Party of Finland)
- Chair of the Education and Organisation Branch *Mikko Polvinen*, MP (Finns Party), Vice-Chair *Antero Eerola*, Journalist (Left Alliance)

On proposal by the ABDI's branches and by decision of the Work Branch the following experts were invited:

- Education Branch:
  - *Suvi Manelius*, Chief of Public Affairs, Defence Command (as of 7 January 2025)
  - *Max Arhippainen*, Chief of Public Affairs, Defence Command (until 7 January 2025)
- Research Branch:
  - *Katri Pynnöniemi*, D.Soc.Sci., Associate Professor, University of Helsinki and National Defence University
  - *Miina Kaarkoski*, Researcher, D.Soc.Sci., National Defence University
- Media Branch:
  - *Teuvo Arolainen*, Preparedness Specialist, National Emergency Supply Agency
  - *Maria Gestrin-Hagner*, Journalist, Hufvudstadsbladet
  - *Anssi Miettinen*, Head of Feature Desk, Helsingin Sanomat

- *Stefan Möller*, CEO, RadioMedia Association
- *Heli Uusimaa*, Producer, MTV News
- *Toni Viljanmaa*, Journalist, Lännen media

### **Finances of the ABDI**

In 2025, the ABDI was allocated an operating appropriation of EUR 120,000, of which it used EUR 108,878.51 (90.7%).

### **Secretariat and Office of the ABDI**

The ABDI operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Defence and as part of the Media and Communications Unit.

The ABDI has a Secretary General and an Assistant Secretary General. *Markus Kinkku*, M.Pol.Sc., acted as Secretary General. *Laura Renvall*, M.Pol.Sc., M.Mus., has acted as Assistant Secretary General since 1 March 2025. Before that she served as Administrative Assistant until 28 February 2025.

Payment transactions were processed by Communications Secretary *Jaana Riihimaa*. *Minna Torppa*, Travel Administration Specialist, helped the ABDI in travel matters.

The ABDI has its office on the first floor of the Ministry of Defence premises. The visiting address is Eteläinen Makasiinikatu 8.