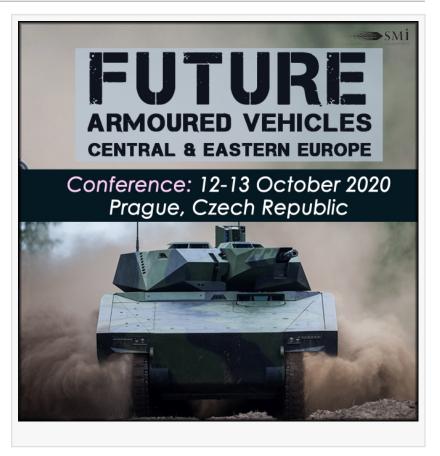


## Q&A with Bundeswehr Speaker released for Future Armoured Vehicles CEE 2020

SMi reports: Exclusive Bundeswehr Speaker ahead of the Future Armoured Vehicles Central and Eastern Europe conference taking place in October

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, June 22, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMi Group's <u>Future Armoured Vehicles Central and</u> <u>Eastern Europe</u> conference will reconvene to Prague, Czech Republic this October for its 6th year running as Central and Eastern Europe's Most Focused Armoured Vehicles Meeting.

Delegates will receive focused briefings over the course of 2 days on key topics on critical ongoing IFV acquisition programmes, the future of armour in the theatre, the importance of reinforcing interoperability and cooperation, and more.



Ahead of the event, SMi has caught up with <u>Lieutenant Colonel Ralf Linne, Branch Chief</u>, <u>Armoured Corps</u>, <u>Army Concepts</u> and Capabilities Development Centre, Bundeswehr, to get his perspectives on the conference, the role of ACCDC, current and future armoured vehicle capabilities and much more.

Interested parties that register until 30th June can save £300 with the Early Bird rate: <u>http://www.futurearmouredvehicles.com/einpr8</u>

Snapshot of Lieutenant Colonel Linne's interview:

Q) About you – what role does the Army Concepts and Capabilities Centre play within the Bundeswehr, and what perspective do you aim bring to the conference?

"The Army Concepts and Capabilities Development Centre (ACCDC) is responsible for the future development of concepts, training, organisation and materiel of the German Army. In addition, the joint pilot services of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), Counter- Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED), Joint Fire Support (JFS), and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) are managed by ACCDC and continually adapted on behalf of the entire Bundeswehr..."

Q) During the conference you will be discussing a number of platforms used by the German Armed Forces, can you tell us a little more about some of the enhancements being made to the Puma and Leopard platforms, and how capabilities will improve?

"In the past year, the Bundeswehr focused on a combat brigade as part of the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF). In 2023, the Federal Republic of Germany will again assume responsibility within the VJTF. To act within the VJTF the SPz PUMA is planned to be used for this mission. Since the SPz PUMA has not reached the threshold of fully operational readiness yet, the development of systems for two companies with a construction status "VJTF", which is separate from the series, was commissioned. In this construction status, there will be already some developments, which will be installed in the series later. It will have the MELLS, the adjustment of the sighting means and, for the first time, digital guidance equipment, which also affects an adjustment of the IdZ-ES system..."

Lieutenant Colonel Ralf Linne will also be presenting on "The Evolution of the German Armoured Fighting Vehicles and Main Battle Tank Platforms" covering:

•The current and planned capabilities of the Puma IFV including integrated active protection systems

•Networking C4I systems with dismounted soldiers for enhanced battlefield situational awareness

•Enhancing the Leopard 2 to improve resilience and battlefield lethality

•Briorities for the armour branch in future vehicle concepts

Hear from several high-level, regionally focussed presentations, from senior military and government personnel from countries such as Austria, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Czech Republic.

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