

Finland and Sweden to apply to NATO

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP 2022

■ **May 9-12, Sweden:** Ruling ***Social Democrat*** party debates whether to reverse long-standing opposition to NATO membership

■ **May 12, Finland:** President ***Sauli Niinistö***, followed by parliamentary groups, expected to announce approval for country to join NATO

■ **May 13, Sweden:** Results of parliament's security policy review – including pros and cons of joining alliance – due

■ **Jun 29-30:** Finland and Sweden application could be submitted at NATO summit in Madrid



Swedish and Finnish prime ministers, ***Magdalena Andersson*** (left) and ***Sanna Marin*** (right)

Gottland Island

Could make Sweden vulnerable should conflict erupt



Kadetrinne

Strategic route to Baltic Sea

Kaliningrad: Russia warns it will deploy nuclear weapons and hypersonic missiles in exclave if Finland and Sweden decide to join NATO