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**Situation Awareness and Decision Making for Constituent Systems**

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#### Abstract

The constituent systems (CS) that together form a system of systems (SoS) have a continuous need to assess situations and make decisions. In addition to operating in the environment, they also need to decide upon their status in the system of systems and be aware of their relations to constellations in the system of systems. To be able to make the best possible decisions, the constituent systems need to have an accurate situation awareness, *i.e.,* an understanding of the environment they are in, what other elements are present therein and how this will develop in the future. This presentation will give an overview of situation awareness and how it can be applied to systems of systems engineering.

#### Biographies

Pontus Svenson is a senior scientist at RISE Research Institutes of Sweden. He received a PhD in Theoretical Physics in 2001 and has a 15-year background at the Swedish Defence Research Institute (FOI), where he worked on decision support, situation awareness and data fusion, mainly for military intelligence and critical infrastructure protection. His current research is focused on systems of systems engineering, and in particular on resilience and situation awareness aspects within the transportation and critical infrastructure domains. He is the author of around 100 scientific publications and a member of INCOSE.

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