



## **NATO Allied Command Transformation** **Operational Experimentation**

### **Fact Sheet – Experimenting in NATO enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) and UK led TRACTABLE 2019**

- NATO Background:** In 2019, the NATO Military Committee (MC) advice included advocacy for the conduct of experimentation in operational settings, such as enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) and tailored Forward Presence (tFP). Coincident with the MC, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation identified the need to accelerate warfare development with an emphasis on speed, responsiveness, and a determination to bring inventors and operators closer together, or in short, to increase operational experimentation.
- Mission Description:** From 01 October through 05 November, within eFP, the UK Army will execute TRACTABLE 2019 with a brigade deployment of rotation vehicles from the United Kingdom (UK) to Estonia for the UK led battle group in Estonia. The UK 104 Brigade commands and controls the deployment while Multinational Command Northeast - NATO (MNC NE) observes the process, and tracks the movement through multinational combatant commands.
- Aim:** The experiment aims to conduct operational experimentation within current NATO operations (eFP/tFP) in order to accelerate NATO's Warfare Development. This discovery experiment will identify the most effective, efficient, and economical methods of delivering a brigade by land into the Northern Joint Operating Area within a non-cold war environment.
- Milestones:** The first part of the experiment, Logistics Deployment Assessment, aims to identify the optimal method of delivery for a brigade into an eFP Joint Operating Area. The second part of the experiment, Communications Spectrum Assessment, aims to identify the vulnerabilities of the logistics operation within the information domain by collating data produced by NSHQ through UK 77 Brigade.
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