

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation



Fact Sheet – Experimenting in Viking 18 Exercise

Background: The Viking series has been initiated in 1999 as a Swedish / US initiative and has been developed and implemented in the spirit of NATO's partnership for peace. Conducted on a cycle of 2 to 4 years the next iteration is planned in April 2018 in Sweden.

It is a comprehensive and unique collective training opportunity for military, civilian and police forces, which allow to build a network of more than 50 countries and major partners like United Nations (UN), European Union (EU) and different IOs and NGOs.

Mission: Viking 18 was identified as potential venue to experiment on several ACT projects related to civil/military interactions and partnership essentially because of its unique opportunity to really train with entities like UN, EU, IO or NGOs and law enforcement entities.

The potential experiments identified to integrate the exercise are Protection of civilians (ACT led activity), Stability Policing (ACT led activity), Federated Mission Networking/Mission Partner Environment Enhancement Civ/Mil (FMCM) which is a MCDC Multinational Concept Development Campaign project co-led by ACT and the US Projecting Stability (ACT led activity).

All the projects being closely related a coordinated approach was taken through a common experiment design and data collection plan coordinated by OPEX with the aim of having a coherent approach allowing to detect synergies and avoid duplication of efforts limiting our footprint on that non NATO exercise

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Milestone: Identification of experiment proposals that could benefit from being integrated into Viking 18 exercise. Participation to all the planning steps of the exercise to ensure appropriate integration of experiment activities and manage risk to the exercise (either by Venue Coordinator or by Project lead with OPEX support). Viking 18 execution from 16 to 26 Apr 2018 - Sweden

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