NATO Allied Command Transformation
Operational Experimentation

Fact Sheet – Experimenting in Trident Juncture 2018

Background: MC Policy for NATO Concept Development and Experimentation (MC 0583) defines an experiment as a controlled investigation to discover information, confirm, or disprove a hypothesis or formally validate a concept. SACT has identified a need for experimenting in NATO exercises in order to assist the development of emerging concepts, doctrine and technologies in a cost effective way.

Exercise Trident Juncture 2018 (TRJE18) will be an ACT sponsored High Visibility Exercise (HVE) Live Exercise (LIVEX) followed by a Command Post Exercise (CPX) that will train and evaluate Joint Force Command Naples’ (JFCNP) command and control of the NATO Response Force 2019 (NRF19) and provide tactical training to the participating forces. The LIVEX will take place 25 Oct – 7 Nov 2018 in Norway, the Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic. The CPX will take place 14 – 23 Nov 2018 at Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway. In TRJE18 SACT exercise specification, experimentation is within the scope of the exercise and part of the exercise aim and objectives for both LIVEX and CPX.

Mission: TRJE18 will provide an environment for existing or new capabilities to be tested, refined, and further developed. By coordinating and integrating of experiments from NATO entities and Nations into TRJE18 we seek to allow the best experimental results without putting the exercise objectives at risk. ACT OPEX has dedicated a Venue Coordinator for TRJE 18 since the number of experiments for TRJE18 has reached 30 activities, ranging from discovery to validation.

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Milestone: Identification, assessment and coordination of suitable experiment activities; Integration of experiments in close cooperation with exercise planners; and JWC Deliverables including experiment documentation and reports.

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