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The following questions have been raised with respect to the subject RFI. Responses are provided for clarification.

Question	Response
<p>Q1. As described in "Desired effects" section, it is requested that proposed solution supports current and future training and exercise requirements. - Would it be possible to describe in with more detail what such training and exercise requirements are? At least as to the scope - is it security training? Training in regards to software solutions? cyber attacks?</p>	<p>A1. The NATO training and education (E&T) spectrum has two aspects: Individual and Collective. It is further described in four discrete areas, i. e. Education (the systematic instruction of individuals that will enhance their knowledge and skills, and develop competencies), Individual Training (the development of skills and knowledge necessary to perform specific duties and tasks), Collective Training (Procedural drills and practical application of doctrine, plans, and procedures to acquire and maintain collective tactical, operational and strategic capabilities), and Exercises (military manoeuvre or simulated wartime operation involving planning, preparation, and execution). NATO E&T requirements are based on the priorities and intent of the strategic commanders, in particular SACEUR's annual guidance as outlined in his Guidance on Education, Training, Exercise and Evaluation (the SaGE), as well as the actual needs of the NATO Command and Force Structures (NCS and NFS), and the needs expressed by the nations as they prepare their personnel for the NCS and NFS. ETEE FS are those services that allow the Alliance to conduct the full range of ETEE activities and events, and enable and support the various roles and responsibilities within NATO ETEE. A desired effect of the ETEE FS capability is to not only be able to support current ETEE requirements, but to ensure the ability to support those requirements as they expand (in volume, complexity, etc.) in the future. This is not about any specific type of training more the ability to plan, conduct and assess the different types of NATO training highlighted above.</p>
<p>Q2. As per Annex A point A2.8. What extent of interoperability would be requested? Any tools, services that the subject of RFI should integrate by default?</p>	<p>A2. Yes, any tools or services of the subject RFI should be coherent (compatible / logically connected), homogeneous (the same throughout the solution) and customizable (tailorable to specific user/user area needs). Additionally, NATO has interoperability standards that must be met. [link to NATO Interoperability Standards and Profiles]</p>
<p>Q3. Would a cyber-range type of solution work in this area? Capabilities of virtualizing multiple specific environments, collaboration between various departments, ability to integrate any software or hardware solution into the cyber range environment, simulation of cyber attacks, automation of software actions?</p>	<p>A3. As mentioned in Q1 we are not, at this stage considering specific solutions for specific training requirements. That said, the aim of this programme is to provide NATO with an effective and coherent ETEE FS capability. Options for how any existing solutions can be utilised to plan, conduct and assess the different types of NATO training (Education, Individual Training, Collective Training and Exercises) are the goal of this initial RFI.</p>
<p>Q4. Is there a way I can get a synthesized description of the specific need so we can determine if it makes sense for us to respond?</p>	<p>A4. NATO requires a coherent, homogeneous, customizable and seamless ETEE FS that is based on common data sources and maximizes the use of new technologies to ensure current and future support to plan, conduct and assess, the full range of ETEE activities and events, and roles and responsibilities.</p>