

2020 Fact Sheet – OPEX and the Common Funded Capability Delivery Model

Background:

In 2018, NATO leadership agreed a new Common Funded Capability Delivery model. The new model is intended to enhance the speed of capability delivery for NATO's common funded capabilities. The model includes six stages focused on through lifecycle capability delivery and includes persistent collaboration between ACT and ACO, NATO's two strategic commands. The model is focused on satisfying operational requirements with capability solutions across the spectrum of Doctrine, Organisation, Training, Materiel, Leadership, Personnel, Facilities, and Interoperability.

OPEX contributes to the implementation of the new model in several ways. Discovery experimentation can support the identification and development of requirements as well as exploration into capability solutions. Hypothesis and validation experimentation can support solution development and selection. Lastly, OPEX is responsible for capability acceptance testing that takes place prior to capability delivery.

Headquarters:

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OPEX:

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NATO HQ STRATCOM:

The line of effort aligns under the 2020 NATO Communications Strategy pillar *NATO Protects, NATO Unites, and NATO Strengthens*.

NATO ACT STRATCOM:

This line of effort contributes to SACT's 2020 Objective #1 - *Support NATO's operations, increase interoperability, and readiness*; Objective #3 - *Preserve the edge of NATO's military instrument of power over our potential adversaries*, and #4 - *Exploit the benefits of cooperation*.

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