

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation



Fact Sheet – C2 Enablers for the Protection of Civilians

- Background:** Alliance Policy on the Protection of Civilians (PoC) in NATO operations, missions and activities was approved by the North Atlantic Council (NAC) on 13 June 2016 and endorsed by nations at the Warsaw Summit. The NATO PoC action plan was then endorsed by Defence Ministers in February 2017. Within this plan, HQ SACT led and ACO supported the development of a PoC Concept which was approved in 2018. In The Concept was further validated through practical experimentation, integrated with operational planning, in Exercise VIKING. Work is now in hand to integrate and fully implement PoC in NATO. The ongoing work strands include handbook development, education, collective training and exercises. HQ SACT's Strategic Plans & Policy (SPP) Division is the lead ACT office for PoC.
- Mission:** With PoC now being incorporated into the Comprehensive Operations Planning Directive (COPD) there is a need to develop the practical enablers such as Command & Control (C2) processes and support tools. When equipped with these, commanders and battle staff can effectively integrate PoC into future operations. This experimentation activity supports the development of the PoC Operational Planners' Handbook which will become a key reference document for ACO planning staff.
- Milestones:** January to August 2019: Research and workshops with Handbook stakeholders. September to December 2019: Handbook final drafting, validation, and Bi-Strategic Command approval.
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