

## **Fact Sheet – Countering Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-sUAS)**

**Background:** NATO Headquarters Emerging Security Challenges Division (ESCD) with support from Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation (SACT) Operational Experimentation (OPEX) branch is sponsoring the Countering Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-sUAS) initiative. C-sUAS is a component of SACT’s Warfare Development Agenda, and included in the 2019-20 Concept Development and Experimentation program of work. Experimentation includes a priority area devoted to policy and documentation review within C-sUAS. A starting point for success is development of a C-sUAS Handbook. Future development is dependent on a baseline understanding of the problem, people, and impacts of civilian/military aspects. OPEX will facilitate two experiment workshops to solicit the insights from which the outputs will enable ESCD to initiate handbook development.

**Aim:** To confirm the purpose, potential users, and appropriate content of the C-sUAS Handbook and outline the focus of data collection such as key facilitation tasks and activities, methods of data collection, roles and responsibilities, and data to be collected. The final output will be consolidated into a collated report for NATO ESCD and the NATO C-sUAS community for their consideration in the development of the Handbook.

**Objectives:** To establish a baseline understanding of the problem with C-sUAS and the multiple impacts on military and hybrid military civilian aspects; to discuss, establish and determine the purpose of the Handbook and potential users of the Handbook; to define the framework for the Handbook content; to elicit content for various sections of the Handbook framework

**Milestones:** WS#1: 1<sup>st</sup> C-sUAS Handbook Discovery Experiment Workshop, ROME 17 - 20 June 19.  
WS#2: 2<sup>nd</sup> C-sUAS Handbook Refine Experiment Workshop, MADRID 29 - 31 October 19

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