

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation



Fact Sheet – Enable Coherent Deterrence

Background: NATO prioritises strengthened deterrence and defence. The 21st century environment of state, non-state, and other actors presents a complex system of interacting and rapidly evolving challenges and opportunities enabled by emerging technologies and unconstrained by traditional domain categories. A robust and responsive deterrence posture requires that NATO understands threats arising from this complex security environment, analyse potential to develop and apply a deterrence strategy to manage behaviour and recognize when deterrence is not an option, support timely political decision making in a comprehensive environment, provide persistent assessment of effectiveness, and recommend adjustments to objectives and posture as required.

Mission: Strengthening Alliance deterrence and defence posture requires the translation of political direction into practical, executable, and adaptive military capability that integrates approaches to deterring both current and emerging threats. Experimentation will support the enablement of coherent deterrence with a particular emphasis on understanding threats and deterrence potential as the necessary precursors to the development of deterrence objectives and postures in a comprehensive environment. This will lead to capability development recommendations to support adaptive and relevant deterrence in an evolving threat spectrum.

Milestones:

April 2019	Initial Planning Conference
September 2019	Concept Test
October 2019	Main Planning Conference
December 2019	Final Planning Conference
January 2019	Validation Experiment

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