

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation (OPEX)



2020 Fact Sheet – Concept Development & Experimentation Program of Work (CD&E POW)

- Background:** The Concept Development & Experimentation Program of Work (CD&E POW) comprises the concepts that will be developed and experiments to be conducted by Allied Command Transformation (ACT) concept developers and experimenters. By assembling the POW in advance, Nations’ experts and technical centres, and Centres of Excellence are better able to see if any opportunities exist for teamwork; any such opportunities are of value as they may lead to synergies between NATO and national efforts from which efficiencies and cost-savings may result. Once reviewed by the Nations’ CD&E representatives, the CD&E POW is presented for notation by Military Committee (MC) in June each year.
- Mission:** The CD&E POW is a statement of intent, which presents ACT’s future intended work on concepts and experiments, and supports cooperation and synergy.
- Experiment Category:** Core Business
- Milestones:** October/November (Year N for POW N+2): Call for proposals/initiatives
November to April: Development of CD&E POW
April (4 weeks prior the CD&E WG VTC): CD&E POW sent to Nations
May: CD&E Working Group VTC for CD&E POW validation
30 June: Notation of CD&E POW by MC
- Emergent, out of cycle, proposals may be considered during any execution year. Such proposals are circulated to national CD&E representatives under silence procedure.*
- Headquarters:** NATO Allied Command Transformation
Joint Force Development Directorate
Operational Experimentation Branch
- OPEX:** OPEX is the intersection between Operators and Innovation. OPEX plans, designs, conducts, and analyses experiments in support of new concepts and capabilities development. Visit www.act.nato.int/opex-pressroom for more information, or visit us online at the CDE365 Website located on [NATO’s Transformation Network](#).
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NATO HQ STRATCOM:

The CD&E POW aligns under the 2020 NATO Communications Strategy pillar of *NATO Unity* and *NATO Strengthens*.

NATO ACT STRATCOM:

The CD&E POW contributes to SACT's 2020 Objective #3 - *Preserve the Edge of NATO's Military Instrument of Power over our Potential Adversaries* and Objective #4 - *Exploit the Benefits of Cooperation*.

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