

# NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation (OPEX)



## 2020 Fact Sheet – Drone Exploitation Experiment

- Background:** Low-course pass rates at NATO Special Operations Force Headquarters (NSHQ) on Drone Exploitation courses led to a request for OPEX support in review of new technologies. TRACTABLE findings accelerated this requirement as an urgent priority.
- Mission:** OPEX provide evaluation of Mixed Reality, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality (MR/VR/AR) to increase course pass rates and raise operational capability.
- Experiment Category:** Classic Experimentation
- Milestones:** Development phase 01 Dec 2019 to 01 Jan 2020  
Experiment delivery 08-14 Feb 2020
- Headquarters:** NATO Special Operations Force Headquarters (NSHQ)
- 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](http://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 Drone Exploitation experiment aligns under the 2020 NATO Communications Strategy pillars of *NATO Protects*.
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** The Drone Exploitation Experiment 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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