

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation (OPEX)



2020 Fact Sheet – Enabling Coherent Deterrence

- Synopsis:** 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. Supporting the priority to strengthen the Alliance deterrence and defence posture in the complex 21st Century environment requires persistent capability to recognize and understand threats of state, non-state, and other actors, analyse deterrence potential, support political and military decision-making in a comprehensive environment, assess effectiveness, and recommend adjustments. Through dynamic testing of conceptual solutions, this experiment will support development of a coherent deterrence framework.
- Mission:** Validation of a broad-spectrum deterrence assessment methodology developed for NATO by National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI) – University of Nebraska, the USSTRATCOM University Affiliated Research Centre.
- Experiment Category:** Classic
- Milestones:** April 2020 - Limited Objective Experiment 2
- Headquarters:** NATO Supreme Allied Commander 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 Enabling Coherent Deterrence experiment aligns under the NATO HQ NATO *PROTECTS* communication pillar
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** The Enabling Coherent Deterrence experiment contributes to SACT's 2020 Objective #2 – *Mitigate the risk of strategic surprise and global trends* and Objective #3 – *Preserve the edge of NATO's military instrument of power over our potential adversaries*.

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