

NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation (OPEX)



2020 Fact Sheet – Professional Doctorate Cohort #2

Background:	Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) recently announced that a second experiment cohort of the Professional Doctorate (ProfDoc) would take place to identify if applying the findings from the first cohort would more closely align outputs with the SACT LOE and in doing so identify the relevance of the <i>ProfDoc</i> for development into a permanent programme.
Mission:	A hypothesis experiment to identify if <i>Higher Education Interventions</i> across a period of time can increase the productivity, accuracy, and impact of ACT staff work product. It will also examine if such interventions are found to effectively reduce work currently offset to contractors and that work that will be tasked to contractors is defined and of such an input that it can only be achieved through their use.
Experiment Category:	Classic - Hypothesis
Milestones:	Advertise Cohort#2 W/C 13 Jul 2020 Conduct shortlisting of candidates W/C 24 Aug 2020 ACOS JFD (FOGO Champion Professional Development) Present SACT with Shortlist of candidates W/C 31 Aug 2020 SACT announces candidates 4 Sep 2020 Cohort#2 undertakes initial Research training Oct 2020 SACT reviews progress of Cohort#2 and makes a decision on conversion to program status W/C 14 Dec 2020
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:	This experiment aligns under the 2020 NATO Communications Strategy pillar of <i>NATO Strengthens</i> and <i>NATO Protects</i> .
NATO ACT STRATCOM:	This experiment contributes to SACT's 2020 Objective #5 – <i>Maintain a permanent fit for purpose and agile ACT</i> .

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