

# **NATO Allied Command Transformation** **Operational Experimentation (OPEX)**



## **2020 Fact Sheet – SOF Total Defence Concept Experiment**

- Background:** Increasing demands on SOF capabilities has led to a NSHQ-driven programme to develop and implement NATO’s Total Defence Concept with NATO Partners.
- Mission:** OPEX are to develop a wargame experiment to develop, demonstrate, and evaluate the SOF Total Defence Concept across National Force Elements.
- Experiment Category:** Classic Experimentation
- Milestones:** Project initiation meeting 12-14 Feb 2020  
Experiment delivery 08-12 June 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 SOF Total Defence Concept aligns under the NATO HQ aligns under the 2020 NATO Communications Strategy pillars of NATO Protects.
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** The SOF Language 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*, #4 - *Exploit the benefits of cooperation*, and #5 - *Maintain a permanent fit for purpose and agile ACT*.

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