



# **NATO Allied Command Transformation**

## **Joint Force Development Operational Experimentation**

### **2021 Fact Sheet – Audacious Wargaming**

- WDI:** Audacious Wargaming aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) - Cross-Domain Command
- Background:** The NATO Warfighting Capstone Concept identifies Audacious Wargaming as a line of delivery for NATO to address immediately. The development of this capability requires the cultivation of a bold risk-taking mind-set in parallel with the use of wargaming at all levels in political and non-political domains. To maintain a competitive edge today and into the future, NATO needs persistent and pervasive openness to think the previously unthinkable and establish analytical rigor to inform decision-making related to strategy development, operational planning, concept examination, capability development, analytical studies, and education and training.
- Aim:** NATO's Audacious Wargaming capability should enable persistent and pervasive use of wargaming at all decision making levels in political and non-political domains.
- Experiment Category:** Core Business
- Headquarters:** NATO Allied Command Transformation  
Joint Force Development Directorate  
Operational Experimentation Branch
- OPEX:** JFD OPEX delivers transformation to the Alliance through the conduct of controlled investigations that discover information, test hypotheses, and validate concepts before committing significant resources. 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:** Audacious Wargaming aligns under the 2021 One NATO Brand pillars of *NATO Unites* and *NATO Strengthens*.
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** Audacious Wargaming contributes to Supreme Allied Commander Transformation 2021 Objective #1 – *Support NATO's operations, increase interoperability and readiness*; Objective #2 – *Mitigate the risk of strategic surprise and global trends*; Objective #3 – *Preserve the edge of NATO's Military Instrument of Power (MIoP) over our potential adversaries*.

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