



NATO Allied Command Transformation Joint Force Development Operational Experimentation

2021 Fact Sheet – Gender Perspective in NATO's Core Task Collective Defence

WDI Gender Perspective (GP) in NATO's Core Task Collective Defence aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) – Cognitive Superiority.

Background: Following the changing security environment in Europe states have become more concerned with national, regional and collective defence. NATO is currently strengthening its deterrence and defence posture, including a renewed focus on its core task Collective Defence. Member states and partners are also transforming their national defence postures by increasing military spending, engaging in large-scale exercises and preparing their societies for different kinds of conflict.

It is already widely known that GP is a valuable capability to achieve military and political objectives when operating in contexts vastly different from developed states e.g. Afghanistan. Little or no attention has been given to thinking about the GP when operating in our own environment, which is why there is limited knowledge on that area resulting in a serious knowledge gap that needs to be addressed and prioritised.

By experimenting on GP in collective Defence exercises NATO will be able to adequately prepare, equip, train and support its interoperable forces to undertake the alliance collective defence missions and protect its citizens.

Mission: Raising awareness among NATO NFC and NFS on integrating GP and increase their ability of applying gender in their daily task preparing for Collective Defence Missions. This will be accomplished by exposing the training audience (TA) in the exercise to situations specific to Collective Defence operations and that requires taking a GP into account.

Experiment Category: Experiment in Exercises

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NATO HQ STRATCOM: GP in NATO's Core Task Collective Defence experiment aligns under the 2021 One NATO Brand pillar of NATO Protects.

NATO ACT STRATCOM: GP in NATO's Core Task "Collective Defence" experiment contributes to Supreme Allied Commander Transformation 2021 Objectives #1 – Support NATO's operations, increase interoperability and readiness, #2 – Mitigate the risk of strategic surprise and global trends, and #3 – Preserve the edge of NATO's Military Instrument of Power over our potential adversaries.

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