



NATO Allied Command Transformation

Joint Force Development Operational Experimentation

2021 Fact Sheet – CD&E Course

- WDI** The Concept Development and Experimentation (CD&E) Course aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) - Cognitive Superiority, Layered Resilience, Influence and Power Projection, Cross-Domain Command, and Integrated Multi-Domain Defence
- Background:** NATO CD&E was introduced as a vehicle for NATO transformation in 2003. Over the years, National representatives recognized the importance of CD&E and requested formal training for staff members assigned to CD&E posts. Allied Command Transformation, in coordination with NATO School Oberammergau (NSO), developed education and training for NATO military and civilian personnel assigned to NATO CD&E positions and organisations such as NATO Centres of Excellence.
- Aim:** The bi-annual CD&E course provides students an introduction to NATO's concept development, experimentation structure, and CD&E processes. Prior to COVID, the course was offered twice a year in May (HQ SACT, USA) and October (NSO, DEU). Course offerings may be adjusted or cancelled in 2021. Please visit the NSO webpage at www.natoschool.nato.int for information on 2021 course offerings.
- 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 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 CD&E Course aligns under the 2021 One NATO Brand pillar of *NATO Unites and NATO Strengthens*.
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** The CD&E Course contributes to SACT's 2020 Objective #1 - *Support NATO's operations, increase interoperability, and readiness*; and Objective #4 - *Exploit the benefits of cooperation*.

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