



NATO Allied Command Transformation

Operational Experimentation (OPEX)

2021 Fact Sheet – CD&E Working Group

- WDI:** The Concept Development and Experimentation (CD&E) Working Group 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’s Policy for CD&E (MC 0583) emphasises the importance of transparency in developing concept and capabilities, and in designing and executing experiments. Transparency is an essential enabler to efficiency and avoidance of duplication in the 30 Nations’ CD&E enterprise. The CD&E Working Group provides a vantage point from which national experts and representatives can see NATO CD&E activities and plans so that opportunities for synergy may be identified and acted upon
- Purpose:** The CD&E Working Group reviews the past year’s CD&E activities, monitors ongoing work, and considers planned and emerging activities in order to make NATO CD&E as efficient and effective as possible
- 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 Working Group aligns under the 2021 One NATO Brand pillar of *NATO Unites* and *NATO Strengthens*
- NATO ACT STRATCOM:** The CD&E Working Group contributes to SACT’s 2021 Objective #3 – *Preserve the edge of NATO’s Military Instrument of Power over our potential adversaries* and #4 – *Exploit the benefits of cooperation*.

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