



NATO Allied Command Transformation

Joint Force Development Experimentation & Wargaming Branch 2023 Fact Sheet – Geospatial Collaborative Production

- Background:** Geospatial Information (GI) is provided by nations to Allied Command Operations (ACO), often on DVDs or hard disk drives by post. It is then assessed by ACO Data managers, supported by NCIA and Multi-National Geospatial Support Group, before being designated, processed, collated and disseminated back to all NATO Nations. The whole process takes 6-9 months and includes multiple shipments of hard disk drives.
- The requirement to experiment a collaborative geospatial platform to enhance the timeliness of sharing, assessing and producing foundation GI was validated by the NATO Geospatial Board to initiate the capability development of the future NATO Geospatial Enterprise Core Services (GECS).
- The present experimentation has for primary focus to test the use of (a) collaborative platform(s) over the internet as part of the broader development of the NATO GECS.
- Aim:** The main aim of this experiment is to test existing geo collaborative technical solutions. These tests will involve several entities (SHAPE, volunteering NATO nations, NCIA, MNGSG under the supervision of SHAPE). A secondary more prospective aim of the experiment is to inform the requirement to change the doctrine/organisation and training aspects of the whole process of Geospatial Information provision.
- WDI:** Geospatial Collaborative Production aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) – Cross Domain Command
- Category:** Standalone Experimentation
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