



NATO Allied Command Transformation

Joint Force Development Experimentation & Wargaming Branch 2023 Fact Sheet – Joint Concept for Operations in Cold Weather Environments

- Background:** Centre of Excellence – Cold Weather Operations is leading the development of a joint concept for operations in cold weather environments, together with its Norwegian network organization, and international Community of interest. The concept will close a gap within capability development, providing recommendations for allied joint forces planning, preparing for and conducting operations in a cold weather environment.
- It can be linked to NATO Warfighting Capstone Concept, Defence & Deterrence of Euro-Atlantic Area Concept, Warfare Development Agenda and the Warfare Development Imperatives, but as the concept is currently in the research phase it is pre-mature to link it to specific lines of development. However, if the concept supports development of allied joint forces cold weather capability, it is reasonable to say that it can be linked to other development projects.
- Aim:** This experiment aims to use Ex STJU23 to provide NATO forces with solutions that support planning, preparation and execution of cold weather operations (CWO). Validate the Joint CWO concept solutions that support planning, preparation and execution of CWO. Prove the concept’s relevance and added value for an Allied Joint Force planning and preparation. It will test if the concept results in a more effective use of joint forces in CWO and mitigate the risk to force / risk to mission in a cold weather environment.
- WDI:** Joint Concept for Operations in Cold Weather Environments aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperatives (WDI) – Influence and Power Projection and Integrated Multi-Domain Defence.
- Category:** Experimentation in Exercises
- Sponsor:** Centre of Excellence – Cold Weather Operations
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