



## **NATO Allied Command Transformation**

### **Joint Force Development Experimentation & Wargaming Branch 2023 Fact Sheet – Allies and Partners Experimentation Network**

- Background:** Multinational partner nations wishing to share knowledge, data, and information associated with their experimentation efforts must rely on ad hoc sets of procedures, standards, deployed systems, platforms, repositories, and databases. They need to share relevant and timely results to stay ahead of threat innovations. Their attempts at sharing, which are intended to support collaborative analysis, experimentation, and research-based learning, are usually limited and frustrated. The results are fragmented and inconsistent knowledge and data practices and mechanisms with limited useful information sharing. The Allies and Partners Experimentation Network (APEX-NET) will provide a proven, user-driven concept for a reliable and secure, knowledge and data sharing capability enabling nations to collaborate securely without the need for significant new information technology, software, materiel, or infrastructure changes.
- Aim:** This project will focus on conducting a gap analysis; develop concept and perform a Proof of Concept focused on collecting information to determine a way forward with the creation of an Allies and Partner shared network, possibly “APEX-NET”. Through surveys and interviews with the Col/CoP and SMEs, it will identify the gaps, needs, and desires relevant to Allies and Partners wargaming and experimentation information sharing. It is anticipated that, at the conclusion of the project, there will be an identified, proven capability recommendation for an APEX-NET solution or other Allies and Partners sharing capability.
- WDI:** Allies and Partners Experimentation Network aligns under Allied Command Transformation Warfare Development Imperative (WDI) – Influence and Power Projection.
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