Main PTEC Events



1. Annual PTEC Commandants' Conference The annual PTEC CC is designed to identify areas of mutual co-operation to advance the principle goals and areas of practical military cooperation as described in the North Atlantic Council approved PTEC Concept. The aim of the annual PTEC CC is to integrate efforts and to align PTECs with NATO's Education and Training Landscape in order to meet current and future requirements, and to make decisions on open issues with regards to strengthening practical cooperation, while considering the recommendations made by the PTEC Working Group (WG).



2. PTEC Working Group The aim of the annual PTEC WG is to implement the tasks given by Commandants during the annual PTEC Commandant's Conference, prepare recommendations for next PTEC CC, discuss further preparation of upcoming events and share with PTECs the ongoing NATO's priorities.



3. PTEC Market Place

The PTEC Marketplace allows participants to present and explain their education and training achievements, promote their respective Centres, and display the community's cooperative efforts in the field of education and training. In particular, information is provided on how the Centres contribute on a daily basis to the NATO political-military agenda, from the Projecting Stability initiative to the Comprehensive Approach, through civilian and military interoperability.

"Marketplace" event provides an opportunity for participating Partnership Training and Education Centres to introduce themselves to the wider NATO community, which in turn helps to connect allied and partner forces by collaborating on training expertise.

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Partnership Training and Education Centres



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The Partnership Training and Education Centres are national or multinational sponsored facilities, recognised by NATO.

They offer academic courses, seminars and workshops to both civilian and military personnel, providing education, training and instruction in diverse areas consistent with the objectives and priorities of NATO's policy on partnerships.

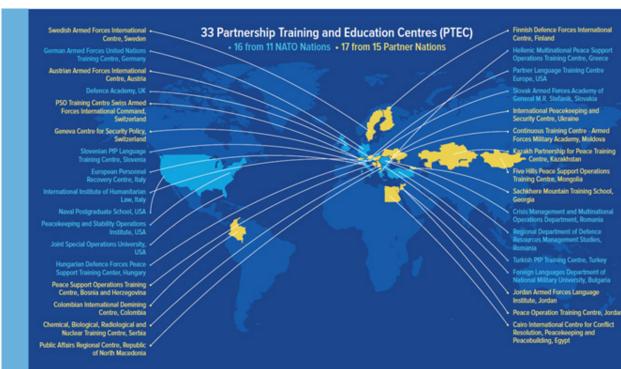
As NATO focuses on helping partners to develop viable, efficient and resilient defence institutions, the PTEC community is heavily engaged in adding sustainable and concrete value.



History

The programme initially launched in 1998 and the PTECs were formally established in 1999 under the Partnership for Peace programme to develop training and education activities with Euro-Atlantic partners, activities have since been opened to participation of all partners. Since 1999, PTECs play an essential role in supporting NATO's objectives for partnership with non-member countries.

Network membership was extended to partners participating in NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative in 2008. To date, 33 institutions have joined the network, 16 PTECs from 11 NATO Nations and 17 PTECs from 15 Partner Nations, including three centres located in Mediterranean partner countries. While respecting the different partnership frameworks, these institutions are now united under a single concept endorsed by the North Atlantic Council.



PTEC Involvement in NATO Education & Training

As the training and education requirements become more diverse and increasingly complex, NATO has introduced a conceptual framework called Global Programming that aims at improving NATO education and training (E&T) efforts and includes a development methodology, a governance structure, and a production planning process.

At the core it is all about adequately processing the Training Requirements in order to ensure effective, efficient and affordable solutions. In order to cover the entire ETEE spectrum, the development methodology contains some 25 different disciplines. These range from the broad spectrum areas of Warfare Domains, e.g. Land, Air and Maritime, to more specific areas like Counter Terrorism or MC2PS.

Only one of 33 current PTECs has been appointed Department Head (DH) by the HQ SACT. Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (FINCENT) is the DH of Military Contribution to Peace Support Operations (MC2PSO) discipline.

PTEC Activities

The centres also provide platforms for training of a more operational character by offering both classroom and field training or venues for exercises. An important objective is to promote capacity-building, interoperability and a comprehensive understanding of wider security issues.

PTEC is a community of Education and Training promoting transparency and mutual understanding for sustainable global peace, security, and stability achieved by through:

- Cooperation
- Coordination
- Inclusivity
- Communication
- Networking
- Standardization