

Main PTEC Events

PTEC Commandants' Conference

The annual PTEC Commandants' Conference (PTEC CC) is designed to identify areas of cooperation to advance the principal goals and areas of practical military cooperation as described in the North Atlantic Council approved PTEC Concept.

The aim of the annual PTEC CC event is to integrate efforts and to align PTECs with NATO's Education and Training landscape 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.



PTEC Market Place

The PTEC Marketplace is a platform to allow participants to showcase and explain their education and training achievements, promote their respective Centres, and highlight the community's cooperative efforts in the field of education and training.

Specifically, it provides information on how the Centres contribute daily to NATO's political-military agenda, from the Projecting Stability initiative to the Comprehensive Approach, and through civilian and military interoperability.



PTEC Working Group

The PTEC Working Group (PTEC WG) meeting is an annual event with the aim of preparing recommendations for the Commandants of the PTECs on the issues given for the WG consideration by the previous PTEC CC, to prepare recommendations for upcoming PTEC CC, to work as a forum for cooperation, coordination, information sharing, and experience exchange among all PTECs.



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Partnership Training and Education Centres



About PTECs

PTECs are nationally or multinationally sponsored education and training institutions united under a single concept recognized by NATO.

They offer courses and academic seminars for national and international military and civilian audiences to enhance the professionalism, improve interoperability and conduct education and training activities related to NATO partnership programmes and policies.

As NATO focuses on helping Partners develop viable, efficient, and resilient defence institutions, the PTEC community is actively engaged in delivering sustainable and concrete value.

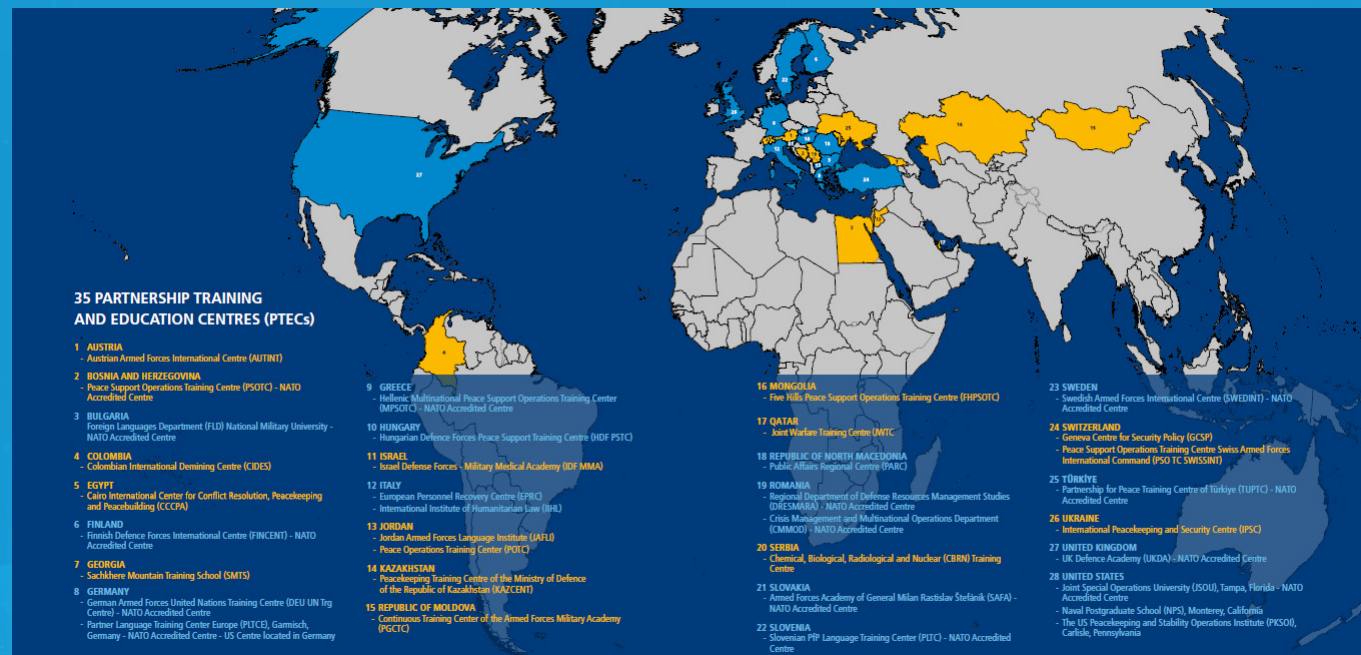


History

PTECs were initially launched in 1999 under the Partnership for Peace (PfP) initiative to develop education and training activities with Euro-Atlantic Partners. In 2008, the network expanded to include the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) partnership frameworks. Since 2012, the network and its activities have been open to all Partner countries.

NATO's Education, Training, Exercises, and Evaluation (ETEE) Policy has further strengthened the role of PTECs. Under ETEE, PTECs support NATO's education and individual training activities by providing subject matter expertise in areas such as English for multinational operations, peace support operations, and the protection of civilians in armed conflicts.

Currently, the PTEC network comprises 35 centres, with 19 located in 14 NATO countries and 16 located in 14 Partner countries.



PTEC Tools and activities

As emerging global challenges demand a coordinated response, NATO views education and training as essential tools for enhancing stability and resilience. By fostering knowledge exchange, interoperability, regional confidence building, and the sharing of lessons learned and best practices, PTECs play a central role in strengthening the cohesion and readiness of NATO members and Partners.

Some PTECs also provide Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Mobile Training Teams (MTTs), which train NATO and Partner country personnel in the fields of teams' expertise and in flexible locations. All PTEC activities are open to Allies and Partners, adhering to principles of transparency and non-discrimination.

PTECs are vital to implementing NATO's key partnership programmes, notably the Defence Education Enhancement Programme (DEEP), Building Integrity (BI), Defence and related security Capacity Building (DCB).

Additionally, PTECs contribute to NATO's Partnership Cooperation Menu (PCM), an annual catalog of education, training, and other cooperative events across 37 areas. Their contributions cover topics such as defence reform, civilian protection

in armed conflicts, crisis management, cyberspace, leadership, language training, and cultural awareness.

PTECs have also provided pre-deployment training to troops for NATO operations and missions such as the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and Sea Guardian. Moreover, they offered their expertise for missions of other international organisations such as the UN or the AU, including the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

PTECs approval process

To be formally recognised as a PTEC, a centre's education and training activities need to fall within the scope of NATO partnership policy and support its objectives. The host country of the candidate centre then needs to submit an application, supported by Military Committee advice when necessary. The final decision is taken by the North Atlantic Council (NAC), NATO's principal political decision-making body.