

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 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, Marketplace 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.



PTEC

Partnership Training and Education Centres



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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.

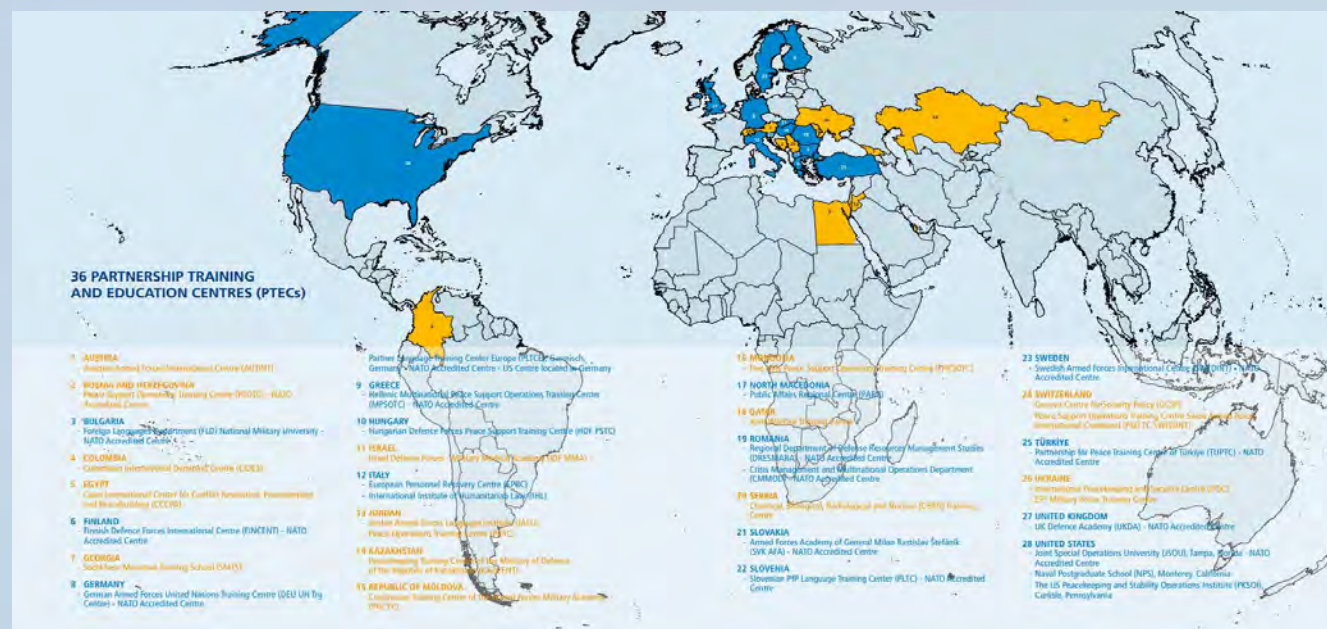
As NATO focuses on helping Partners develop viable, efficient, and resilient defence institutions, the PTEC community is actively engaged in delivering sustainable and concrete value.



Evolution of PTECs

PTECs were originally launched in 1999 under NATO's Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme to develop education and training activities with Partners in the Euro-Atlantic area. In 2008, the network was broadened to include NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) partnership frameworks. Since 2012, the network and its activities have been open to all of NATO's partners worldwide.

At their Berlin meeting in April 2011, NATO Foreign Ministers adopted the "Policy for a More Efficient and Flexible Partnership". It stated NATO's intention to provide increased support to the development and improvement of education and training capabilities also in partner countries. In 2012, the North Atlantic Council endorsed the Concept for Partnership Training and Education Centres.



PTEC enablers across NATO

NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium

At NATO Headquarters (NATO HQ), the International Staff's Operations Division, in cooperation with the International Military Staff's Cooperative Security Division, acts as NATO's focal point for the PTEC community. They support the PTEC recognition process, the identification of education and training gaps, and the organisation of the annual PTEC Marketplace, where PTECs present their activities and achievements.

Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk, Virginia, USA

Allied Command Transformation (ACT) has the overall responsibility for the management of education and individual training across NATO. It offers support and guidance to the PTECs and ensures that all training courses are certified and reflect NATO standards. ACT's oversight enhances interoperability within the wider training community and supports the establishment of NATO quality management standards. ACT also engages with the PTEC community through co-chairing the annual PTEC Conference of Commandants and PTEC Working Group.

NATO School Oberammergau, Germany

The NATO School Oberammergau (NSO), with support from relevant NATO bodies, helps develop cooperation, coordination, information exchange and sharing of lessons learned among all PTECs. Together with ACT, it co-chairs the PTEC Conference of Commandants and the PTEC Working Group. It also manages the Train the Trainer Programme and the Instructor Exchange Programme. In addition, the NSO collaborates academically with several PTECs to deliver specialised education and training.

PTEC recognition process

To be formally recognised as a NATO PTEC, the Centre's education and training activities need to fall within the scope of NATO policies and priorities in the domain of military education and training, and support the Alliance's main objectives. In close cooperation with ACT and NSO, the Operations Division of NATO HQ's International Staff lead the process that grants national education and training institutions recognition as a NATO PTEC.

The final decision is taken by the North Atlantic Council, NATO's principal political decision-making body.