



# ASSESSING EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE GLOBALIZED ENVIRONMENT

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the CHT Newsletter. Please refer to the project website (link below) for additional project information.

### CHT Concept Update

Following the publication of the new Strategic Concept at the Lisbon Summit, the Military Committee has recommended that the North Atlantic Council issue Political Guidance to determine how and to what degree Hybrid Threats are to be countered, further reinforcing our experiment.

### Expected Short-Term Outcomes of the Project

- Actionable recommendations to the civil and military authorities to progress in a pragmatic way the comprehensive approach to countering hybrid threats (cyber, terrorism, COIN, IED, WMD);
- An initial impact study on the relevance of the existing operational planning tools and the formation/training requirements.

### Senior Experiment Advisors

We have identified 3 key Senior advisors (recently retired military generals and a civilian equivalent) who have agreed to provide advice and guidance in the development and execution of the experiment.

### Experiment Objectives

- Assess the utility and feasibility of the Concept Framework Elements in enabling NATO to counter hybrid threats.
- Identify appropriate military contributions within a wider comprehensive approach to countering hybrid threats.
- Explore the MCCHT concept amongst the community of interest.

### Experiment Development Status

Project sub-teams have been created to develop the scenario, devise the analytical plan, and determine the correct mix of participants for the experiment. Each of these have been making good progress and are on track to complete their work on time. The team has received invaluable contributions from the Centres of Excellence: HUMINT has been a key provider of participants while CYBER, CBRN and CSW have made key contributions to the development of the scenario. We still need help in reaching out and identifying other participants with the right skill sets.

### Contributing Partners:

- NATO Command Structure: HQ ACT, SHAPE, MCD, SEE, Joint Warfare Centre, IS/ESC, IMS/P&P.
- US Joint Forces Command
- Nations: Australia, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Spain, United States of America.
- Centres of Excellence: CIMIC, Confined Shallow Waters, DAT, JCBRN, Cyber, HUMINT.
- Other Government Departments: to be identified.
- Non-Government Organizations: to be identified.

### Senior Advisors:

- Hon. Mary-Beth Long
- Gen (Ret'd) Sverre Diesen
- Gen (Ret'd) Yves de Kermabon

### CHT Experiment Aim:

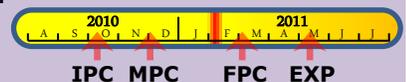
*"To investigate the utility & feasibility of the CHT Concept and Develop with both Military and Civilian Actors an understanding of potential NATO approaches in addressing the identified key challenge areas."*

### CHT Experiment Approach:

CHT Experiment design and planning is being updated so that it reflects NATO's priorities as outlined in the new Strategic Concept and the Lisbon Declaration. It will largely focus on Framework Elements One and Two of the MCCHT Concept Paper (building partnerships & knowledge; Deterrence). All of the elements of the experiment would be unclassified to allow the broadest participation and accessibility.

### Upcoming Events & Timeline:

- Final Planning Conference: 9-11 Mar in Brussels, Belgium.
- Main Event: 8-13 May in Tallinn, Estonia.



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