

# NATO Allied Command Transformation Operational Experimentation



## Fact Sheet – Experimenting in Exercises (EiE)

- Background:** SACT has determined that NATO and national exercises are potential laboratories within which operational experimentation can also take place. Exercises have always provided opportunities for the training and certification of forces and headquarters staff, and now ACT enables NATO to obtain even more benefit by using exercises to host experiments. Experimenting in Exercises (EiE) brings NATO's operational component together with the Alliance's experimenters; this union enables new concepts and capabilities to be tested rigorously in realistic environments and conditions. Exercises are expensive events so, by carefully incorporating experiments the Alliance and Nations are able to obtain a greater return on investments.
- Integration of EiE is a team effort involving close cooperation between HQ SACT's Operational Experimentation (OPEX) Branch, Exercise planners and the Joint Warfare Centre.
- In major exercises, in cases when multiple experiments need to be integrated, a dedicated Experimentation Venue Coordinator is assigned by OPEX Branch to manage the overall safe and effective integration.
- Mission:** The mission in EiE is to plan, design and conduct, analyse and report on experiments within exercises while avoiding any detriment to the training and certification objectives of the exercising commanders and their forces.
- Milestones:** Identification of experiment proposals that could benefit from being in an exercise; Identification of potential exercises; and Participation in pre-exercise planning steps to integrate activities and manage risk.
- Headquarters:** NATO Allied Command Transformation, Operational Experimentation Branch.
- Internet Portal:** CDE 365 in TRANSNET <https://portal.transnet.act.nato.int/Pages/home.aspx>  
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