

Fact Sheet

ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION (ACT)

Improving today, Shaping tomorrow, Bridging the two.

Allied Command Transformation, NATO's home in North America, is at the heart of NATO's efforts to lead continuous NATO Military Transformation to enhance effectiveness in current and future operations through the innovative development and delivery of training, education, capabilities, doctrine, and concepts. ACT is the only NATO Headquarters in the United States – based in Norfolk, Virginia – and the glue of the transatlantic bond.

Transformation is the **adaptation of Alliance and partner nations' capabilities to meet future operational requirements in the most efficient and effective manner.** This is driven by a continuous process of developing, integrating and training **innovative concepts, lessons learned** from operations, **doctrines and capabilities** in order to improve the effectiveness and interoperability of nations' military forces.

ACT leads military transformation – *Improving today, Shaping tomorrow, Bridging the two*

- **Improving Today** – Preparing NATO personnel, processes and technology for present and future operations. Education, training and exercises; improved military capabilities; forging partnerships. This is done in co-operation with many stakeholders; among them Industry, Think Tanks and Academia.
- **Shaping Tomorrow** – Preparation for the future, forging a vision based on security trends of NATO's future operating environment in 2035 and beyond.
- **Bridging the Two** – Determining what changes need to be made today to prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

By acting as a 'hub' of transformation across Alliance and partner nations, ACT links military and other governmental as well as non-governmental organizations and academia in a mutually beneficial network. The information and shared experiences gleaned from this network enables ACT to identify where transformation is necessary for the Alliance, and encourages and assists Alliance entities and nations in implementing the changes required to keep pace with the changing security environment.

To achieve his mission, the **Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT)** has command of:

- **Joint Warfare Centre (JWC)**, Stavanger, Norway;
- **Joint Force Training Centre (JFTC)**, Bydgoszcz, Poland;
- **Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Centre (JALLC)**, Monsanto, Portugal;

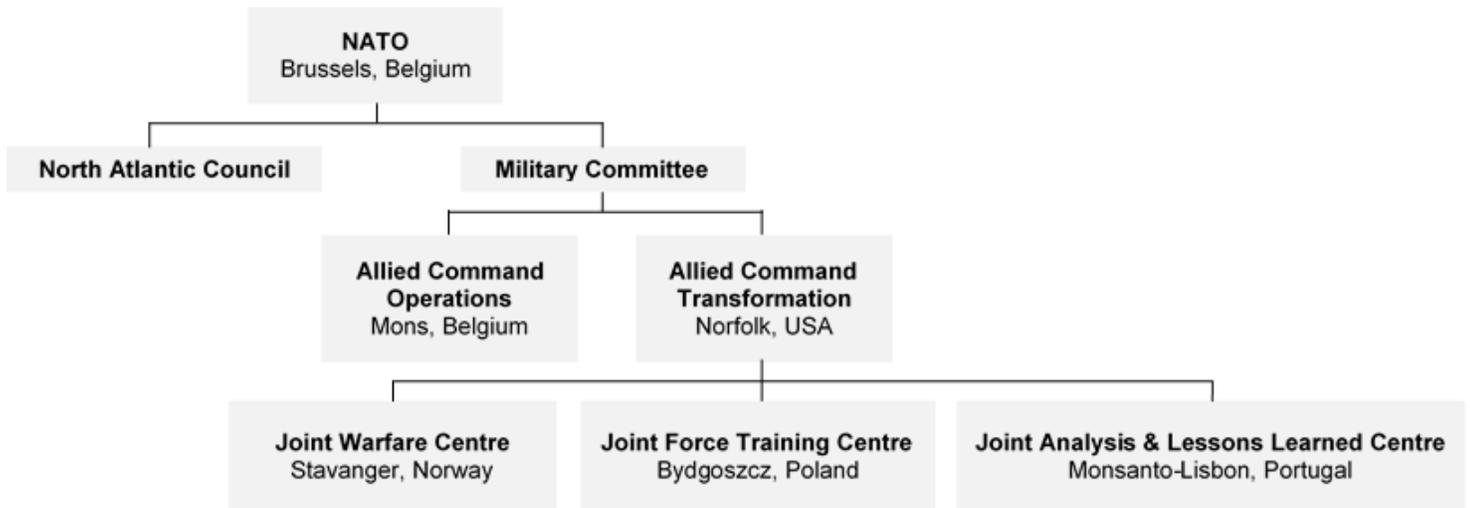
He also liaises with main stakeholders through dedicated offices: **SACT Representative Europe (STRE)** at NATO HQ in Brussels, **SACT Staff Element Europe (SEE)** at Allied Command Operations (ACO) in Mons, and **SACT's Pentagon Representative (PENLO)** in Washington D.C. In addition, HQ SACT coordinates NATO Requests for Support to the **Centres of Excellence** Programme of Work.

In Brief:

Vision: Strengthen the credibility of the Alliance's deterrence and defence posture.
Mission: Contribute to preserving the peace, security and territorial integrity of Alliance member states by leading transformation to improve the military effectiveness of the Alliance.
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