



## PfPC Emerging Security Challenges Working Group

Established in 2012, the PfPC Emerging Security Challenges (ESC) Working Group aims to enhance the capacity of decision makers and policy shapers to identify and respond to emerging security challenges. Specifically, its goal is to identify and prioritize such challenges and discuss possible political frameworks and mechanisms to address them. "Emerging Security Challenges" has become a term used at NATO and in public debate to deal with potential, upcoming, non-traditional threats to our security. The working group does not have a defined set of issues for analysis; rather, it remains open to include new challenges as they arise. Working group outcomes include, but are not limited to:

- Raising awareness of the multi-disciplinary and interconnected nature of emerging security challenges. To achieve this, working group discussions examine technological and policy dimensions as well as potential actors needed to formulate responses (public/private/non-profit);
- Discussing the security implications of such challenges for democratic policy making and international cooperation so that our democratic values and our structures of cooperation remain intact; and
- Developing tools and methods to include these issues into the education and formation of relevant bodies and agencies in order to enable our political actors to deal with these issues in an effective and legitimate manner.

Defense academies and security policy institutes have precious few resources to study the impact of emerging security challenges. In this regard, the ESC working group helps fill this void by bringing together experts from participating institutes to support developing educational approaches to address these challenges. Additionally, the ESC working group serves to foster new regional and international networks among experts to raise awareness and promote policy formulation.

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