

Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes



MISSION: Strengthen partner defense education and security sectors while fostering a trusted global network of defense educators, research professionals, and security sector practitioners

FOCUS AREAS

Intellectual Interoperability

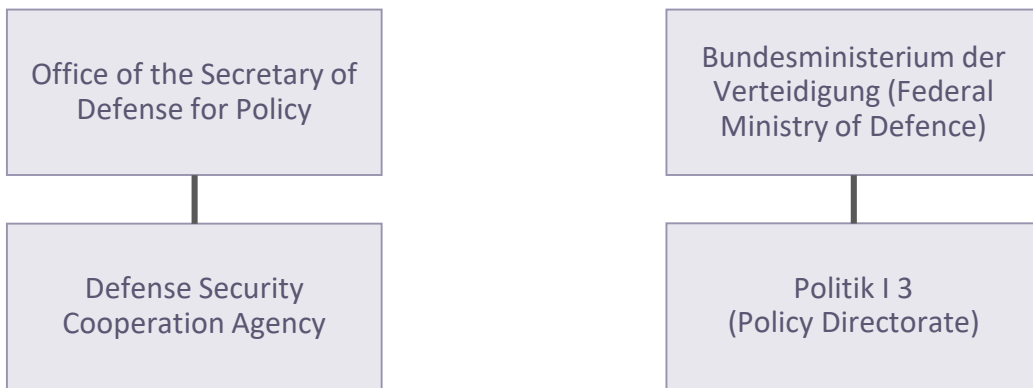
Fostering shared understanding, values, and mindsets among allies and partners through education and collaboration

Security Sector Cooperation

Advancing multinational solutions through networks, dialogue, and informal diplomacy

Institutional Capacity Building

Developing defense academies and security studies institutes through educational enhancement



Combatant Commands ICB Divisions

DASD for European and NATO Policy

DASD for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia



Multinational Oversight: Strategic Council and Steering Committee





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PfPC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Senior Advisory Council (SAC)

11 Members + PfPC Executive Director as secretary
Members: 9 National + 1 NATO + 1 host organization (GCMC)
Level: ≈OF-8/OF-9 (Executive/General/Flag Officer)
Chair: BG (Ret.) Rolf Wagner, DEU, GCMC (host organization)


Consortium Steering Committee (CSC)

≈28 Members
Members: WG chairs and national staff
Level: ≈OF-5/OF-6 (Senior Staff)
Chair: PfPC Executive Director

PfP Consortium Secretariat

Staff Support (GCMC, host organization)

Resourcing	Travel
Finance	Registrar




Extended Staff Support (Other Stakeholders)

Dozens of partial staff from stakeholders

PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS

ADL	CS	ED	ESC	IW/HT	SSR		
RSSC	RSSEE	EB	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>WPS in PME</td> <td>SLP</td> </tr> </table> SPECIAL AD-HOC WGs			WPS in PME	SLP
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Hundreds of Subject-Matter Experts (SMEs) from dozens of nations and institutions supporting the Working Groups (WGs)



Managed jointly by NATO and the PfPC Consortium

Defence Education Enhancement Programme (DEEP)

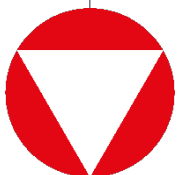
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GOVERNANCE STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS

AUSTRIA



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Federal Ministry of Defence



National Defence Academy

BULGARIA



Bulgarian National Defence College

CANADA



Canadian Defence Academy

GERMANY



Bundeswehr Command & Staff College



Federal Ministry of Defence

NATO



International Staff

POLAND



Polish Naval Academy



Carol I National Defence University



Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History

SWEDEN



Swedish Defence University

SWITZERLAND



Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance



Geneva Centre for Security Policy

USA

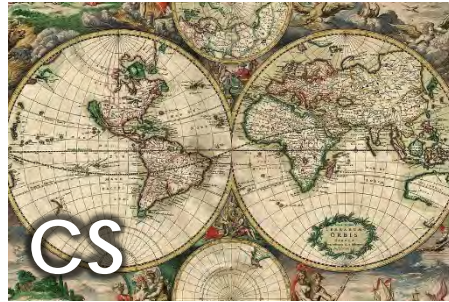


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ADL

Advanced Distributed Learning



CS

Conflict Studies



ED

Education Development



ESC

Emerging Security Challenges (ESC)



IW/HT

Irregular Warfare and Hybrid Threats



SSR

Security Sector Reform



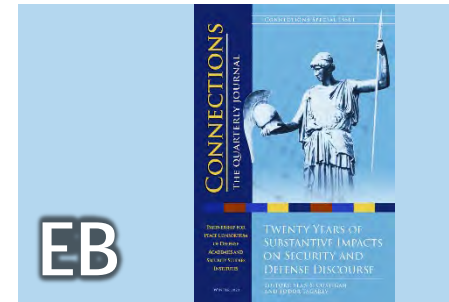
RSSC

Regional Stability in the South Caucasus



RSSEE

Regional Stability in South East Europe



EB

Connections Journal Editorial Board



- Women, Peace, and Security in PME
- UKR Strategic Leadership

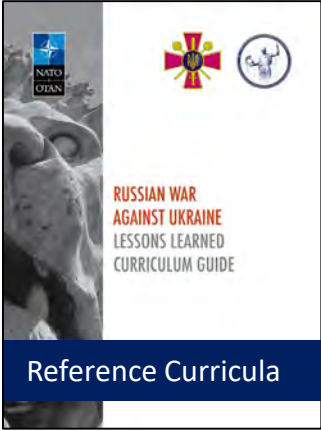
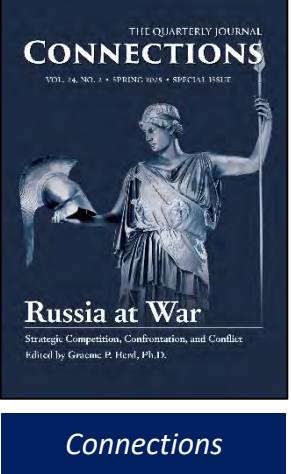
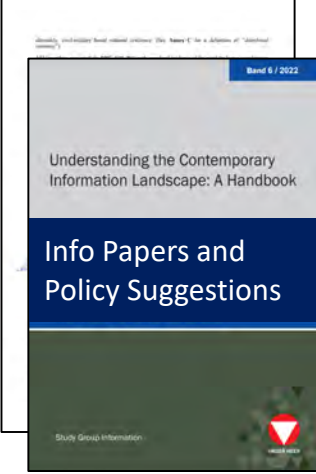
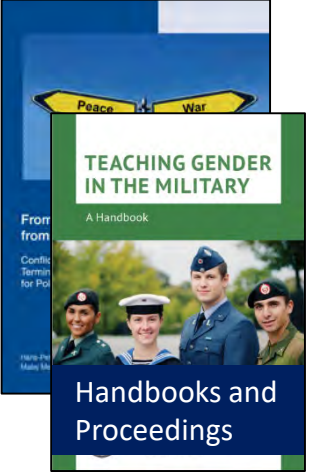
Special Project Working Groups



Working Groups (8 permanent + 1 editorial board + 2 ad-hoc WGs)


 Advanced Distributed Learning	 Conflict Studies	 Education Development
 Emerging Security Challenges	 Regional Stability in South East Europe	 Irregular Warfare and Hybrid Threats
 Security Sector Reform	 Regional Stability in the South Caucasus	 Connections Journal Editorial Board
 WPS in PME (ad-hoc)	 UKR Strategic Leadership (ad-hoc)	

Products

 Reference Curricula	 Connections		 Handbooks and Proceedings
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Capacity Building



DEEP 

Defense Education Enhancement Program (DEEP) with NATO—contributing methods, SME guides, SMEs, and funds/coordination

Strategic Outreach



Conference and Leader Engagements

Direct leadership briefings (e.g., in the Pentagon or Ministry of Defence) and engagements and participation in key fora



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2024: PfPC 25th ANNIVERSARY

2024 marked the 25th anniversary, which was celebrated from Sofia to Washington, DC, including:

- Remarks from (then) Bulgarian Minister of Defence Todor Tagarev, and former US Secretary of Defense (William Cohen)
- Consortium Conference, January 2025 (Vienna), with remarks from VIPs
- 25th Anniversary special edition of *Connections: The Quarterly Journal*



Some Recent Examples of Outcomes

Updated 2025





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LETTER OF COMMITMENT

14 June 2024, Brussels, Senior representatives from the Consortium's (then) eight governance stakeholder nations affirmed their enduring commitment to the PfP Consortium and its principles



“Keeping our people and nations safe is a very complex task, and one that our armies cannot do alone. We all have a part to play, including the network of institutions that this Consortium uniquely brings together across allied and partner countries.”

– (then) NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

The Federal Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Austria,
The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria,
The Department of National Defence of Canada,
The Federal Ministry of Defence for the Federal Republic of Germany,
The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland,
The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden,
The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation,
and
The Department of Defense of the United States of America
(hereinafter: Signatories)

The Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes (PfP Consortium) was established in 1999 in the spirit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Partnership for Peace program to strengthen defense and security education through enhanced national and institutional cooperation.

In the past 25 years, the PfP Consortium has cultivated a trusted global network that fosters stability and enhances security, bringing together hundreds of institutions across the Euro-Atlantic region to support multinational initiatives in defense education, security sector cooperation, and capacity building. Today, the PfP Consortium has risen to the ambitions defined during the formative discussions held at the NATO and Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council meetings that lead to the Consortium's creation:

1. Foster academic and educational opportunities across the security community
2. Encourage high standards for professional military education
3. Promote effective education through professional methods and advanced technology
4. Expand dialogue, understanding, and cooperation through security related research
5. Explore complementary relationships across diverse institutions

Despite these achievements, aspects of the contemporary security environment continue to degrade, and we face increasingly complex regional, global, and transnational issues. These challenges reinforce the need for continued cooperation among Allies and Partners as well as the reaffirmation of the ideals and initiatives of the PfP Consortium. The Signatories are united by a shared vision of enduring Euro-Atlantic partnerships, and in signing this Letter of Intent, recognize the persistent need for security cooperation across our defense academies, security studies institutes, and partner institutions, in order to:

Pursue intellectual interoperability among Allies and Partners by strengthening Partner defense and security institutions, enhancing cross-sector cooperation, and promoting modern standards for professional military education.

Advance multinational solutions to modern security challenges by operationalizing research and emerging security concepts through an active network of defense educators and researchers, policymakers, and security practitioners from defense academies, security institutes, government agencies, universities, and nongovernmental organizations.

Contribute to conflict prevention by nurturing enduring partnerships to expand dialogue, build resilient networks, and provide channels for informal diplomacy.

We affirm our enduring commitment to the PfP Consortium

for the
Federal Ministry of Defence
of the Republic of Austria
Dr. Arnold Kammel
Secretary General

for the
Ministry of Defence of the
Republic of Bulgaria
Atanas Zaprjanov
Minister of Defence

for the
Department of National
Defence of Canada
Bill Blair
Minister of National Defence

for the
Federal Ministry of Defence of the
Federal Republic of Germany
Boris Pistorius
Federal Minister of Defence

for the
Ministry of National Defence
of the Republic of Poland
Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of National Defence

for the
Ministry of Defence of the
Kingdom of Sweden
Pål Jonson
Minister of Defence

for the
Federal Department of Defence,
Civil Protection and Sport of
the Swiss Confederation
Pálvi Pulli
Deputy State Secretary
for Security Policy

for the
Department of Defense of the
United States of America
Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense

Signed in Brussels on 14 June 2024



Tailored support to individual countries in developing and reforming their PME institutions

1. Albania (US-Only)
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan (No US-SC)
4. Bosnia-Herzegovina
5. Colombia
6. Georgia
7. Iraq
8. Jordan
9. Kazakhstan
10. Mauritania
11. Moldova
12. Mongolia
13. Morocco
14. N. Macedonia (US-Only)
15. Serbia
16. Tunisia
17. Ukraine
18. Uzbekistan (US-Only)
19. + Kuwait is being staffed as a potential new DEEP partner nation



Ukrainian soldiers work with the NATO Defense Education Enhancement Program to develop their NCO courses (2016, Kyiv, by Sgt. 1st Class Adriana Diaz-Brown)

Builds defense capacity, cooperative capability, standardization, and promotes interoperability of processes and methodologies to enhance democratic institutions; example: Foster development of the Ukrainian Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)



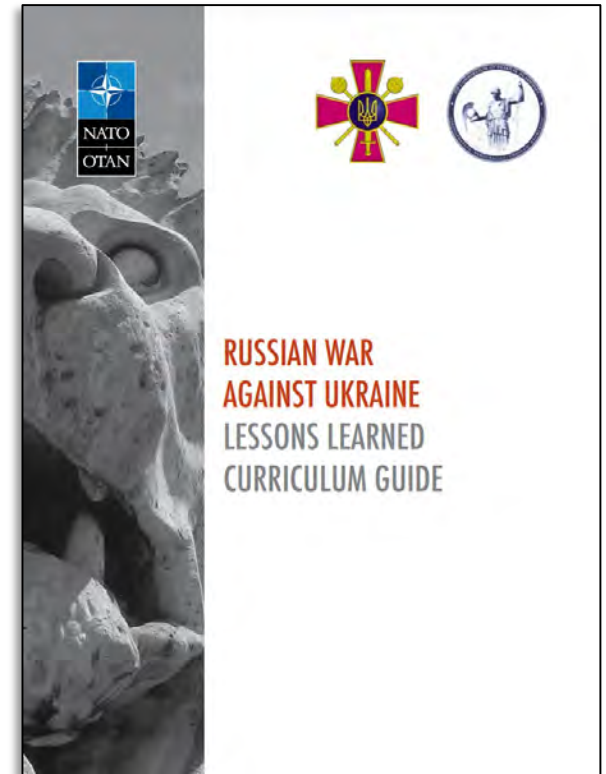
550 DEEP activities executed in 2024!

Executed jointly by NATO and the PfPC Consortium





- “Russian War Against Ukraine Lessons Learned” Guide
- Supported tours with Ukrainians to share those lessons
 - Delegation from the National Defense University of Ukraine
 - 2023–2024: The Ukrainian team visited a series of senior service colleges and academies in Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, and along the East Coast of the United States





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INFORMATION PAPER

TO: SACEUR, General Christopher Cavoli; NATO ASG for Operations, Mr. Tom Goffius; NATO SACT General Philippe Lavigne; U.S. DASD Force Education & Training, Ms. Caroline Baxter; U.S. DASD Global Partnerships, Ms. Michelle Strucke; U.S. DASD RUE, Ms. Laura Cooper; and U.S. DASD Europe and NATO, Mr. Spencer Boyer; German FMoD Policy Director, Dr. Jasper Wieck; Ukraine Liaison to NATO IMS, Major General Serhii Salkutsan; NATO ACT Deputy Chief of Staff Joint Force Development, Rear Admiral (LH) Placido Torresi; President, U.S. DSCU, Dr. Celeste Ward Grenter

FROM: Partnership for Peace Consortium/George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

DATE: April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Training while we fight: Lessons from Ukraine's use of distributed learning in war

Purpose: To provide background on Ukraine's use of *distributed learning* in war; identify particular needs and scalable principles to better coordinate training and education security cooperation for effective force employment; offer recommendations to NATO, the EU, and nations to make national and multilateral improvements. Recommendations apply in particular to Ukraine, yet the principles also apply in general to Allies and Partners to enhance preparedness through *distributed learning* in force education and training. (See **Annex A** and **B** for detailed information and recommendations.)

Introduction: The Partnership for Peace Consortium's (PFPC) Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Working Group convened a workshop, "Distributed Learning in War," on February 1-2, 2023, with the General Mihailo Apostolski Military Academy of the Republic of North Macedonia, and endorsed learning ex learning re

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Department of Education
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Commandant
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INFORMATION PAPER
on
Ukraine Military Medical Training & Education Requirements

This paper will be distributed through the Partnership for Peace Consortium (PFPC) to national representatives and organizations of interest.

FROM: Partnership for Peace Consortium, ADL Working Group / George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

POC: Lt. Col. Brian Gonzalez, pfpcadl@marshallcenter.org

DATE: December 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Training & Education in War: Ukrainian MILMED Requirements

Purpose

To provide background on Ukraine's Military Medicine (MILMED) experience and gaps in distributed training and education during war; to identify requirements and scalable principles to better coordinate training and education security cooperation for effective force employment; and to offer recommendations to NATO, the EU, UN, and nations to make national and multilateral improvements in assisting U

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Ukraine Mil training and education to meet current and post-war Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) operational requirements. Allies and Partners require immediate coordination and accountability to provide more efficient and effective means of delivering such capabilities to the AFU and across partnerships. Some vital AFU Military Medicine training and education requirements can be met by improved distributed learning capabilities.

Brig Gen Valerii Savvitskyi
Commandant
Ukrainian Military Medical
Academy

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Co-Chair
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SECURITY SECTOR REFORM: PARLIAMENTARIANS

Lawmakers from Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, and Ukraine engaged in discussions on parliamentary oversight and the role of parliaments in enhancing democratic resilience and maintaining sovereignty

Organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), a Swiss intergovernmental

13–17 May 2024
Brussels

