NATO IN THE NORTH

NAVIGATING A UNIQUELY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

NATO in the North is jointly offered by the Ted Stevens Center and the NATO Center of Excellence for Cold Weather Operations as a bi-continental introduction to challenges and opportunities for NATO in and around the Arctic. The course prepares mid- to senior-level security practitioners for work on High North and Arctic security in a NATO context at the higher tactical, operational, and/or military-strategic levels. It enhances understanding of the security situation and operating environment across NATO's northern area of responsibility, including the unique demands of multinational deterrence and defense in a cold weather environment. It strengthens understanding of NATO practices and processes, builds strategic alignment and operational competence, and promotes innovative thinking on regional capabilities and readiness in a re-balancing Alliance.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants will gain critical knowledge and skills to:

- Understand NATO structures, processes, and dynamics.
- Analyze conventional and non-conventional threats to Allied security in the North.
- Assess efforts to advance Allied capabilities, interoperability, and readiness for Northern flank deterrence and defense.
- Understand cold weather and other Arctic operational challenges as well as similarities and differences between the North American and European Arctics

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

This virtual course features:

- Panel presentations by senior-level experts
- Interactive breakout group discussions
- Scenario-based capstone exercise
- Multinational networking opportunities

AUDIENCE:

- NATO and partner military and civilian personnel dealing with Arctic-related security issues.
- Course content will be targeted for field grade officers and civilian equivalents.

WHY IT MATTERS

NATO has been in the Arctic since its founding, and recent developments draw further attention to its Northern Flank. Russia and China are increasing activity and collaboration across the area. Two more Arctic nations, Finland and Sweden, have joined the Alliance. The region has become central to homeland and collective defense in both North America and Europe.

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