MN Formations Centric Defense Partnership – the Way Ahead in CEE / SEE

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1. Security and defense challenges:
   – NATO developments on the **Eastern Flank** from Wales to Brussels Summits and ahead
   – European Defense initiatives

2. **B9+ cooperation** (Baltic-Back-Adriatic Seas) – is NORDEFCO / V4-BDC model applicable in **South Eastern Europe**: from SEEBRIG to SEEDEFCO

3. Program for **Readiness and Interoperability** in Eastern Europe under NATO/EU framework (based on N1S)
Policy / scoping papers of the Atlantic Council of Bulgaria conference 28.9.2018

- Deterrence and defense posture in Eastern Europe
- Program for readiness and interoperability
- Coping with the hybrid challenges
- Improving understanding of NATO and European Defense in Bulgaria
Future Security Strategic Context for the Black Sea

Regional "frozen" conflicts and unresolved territorial claims

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<td>Armored vehicles – 150</td>
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<td>Main battle tanks – 590, Armored vehicles – 1227, Artillery Systems - 767, MLRS – 282</td>
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<td>Main battle tanks – 74, Armored vehicles – 80, Artillery Systems - 12, MLRS – 18</td>
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ADAPTED NATO COMMAND STRUCTURE

- New JFC for the Atlantic – **Norfolk**, USA;
- New Joint Support and Enabling Command (JSEC) – **Ulm**, Germany;
  - Standing Joint Logistics Support Group Headquarters (SJLSG HQ) – **Ulm**, Germany;
  - JLSG – **Brunssum** (NL) and **Naples** (IT);
NATO Adaptation:

Increased requirements from NFS and reliance on NFS for additional and follow on Joint C2
Dimensions of multinationality on the NRDC level
The Reality of EU defense capabilities
(all below art. 5 threshold and outside EU)

- Rescue/Evacuation (RE)
- Support to Humanitarian Assistance (SHA)
- Stabilization and Support to Capacity Building (SSCB)
- Conflict Prevention (CP)
- Peace Enforcement (PE)

- Civilian and military Rapid Response, including military rapid response operations inter alia using the EU Battlegroups as a whole or within a mission-tailored Force Package
- Civilian Capacity Building and Security Sector Reform
- Joint Stabilization operations, including air and special operations
- Joint Crisis Management operations in situations of high security risk in the regions surrounding the EU
- Air security operations including close air support and air surveillance
- Maritime security or surveillance operations, including longer term in the vicinity of Europe
EU Battle Groups

**CONCEPT**

- EU military instrument for rapid response.
- 1500 personnel strong
- For stand-alone operations or for the initial phase of larger operations.
- Based on a combined-arms, battalion-sized force.
- Sustainable for 30 days, extendable to 120 days
- Deployed and sustained at strategic distances of 6,000 km or more from the EU territory
EU-NATO cooperation

- Information sharing
- Coordinated planning
- Concrete cooperation

in the areas of:

Hybrid Threats
Operational cooperation
Cyber Security
Capacity building
Defence capabilities
Industry and research
Exercises
Balkans (10 countries) + Black Sea-Caucasus (4 more to the East)

1. UKR  
2. GEO  
3. ARM  
4. AZR
SEEBRIG – established in 1999, hosted on rotational base, started in Plovdiv/Bulgaria

First MN formation in SEE, combining NATO, EU members and aspirants.

Soon to be all NATO – could it move to NFS between NRDC-GRC, NRDC-TUT, MND SE?

Could we build more MN brigades, air bases, naval bases in the region – in what format NATO, EU, SEE? What about hosting some in BGR?
Development of NATO 1st Solution from AMN to Forward Presence
Scope of N1S Implementation
NCIA supported Program for Readiness and Interoperability
Implementation model for N1S to support Program for Readiness and Interoperability
Program „Readiness and Interoperability“
(Cyber Resilience / HW Resilience)

1. Focus on **C4ISR with N1S** as a model (flagship implementation for 1 GNC and LANDCOM leadership)

2. **Start with B9** (following the success with MND CE and MND SE), supporting Forward Presence (eFP/tFP)

3. Extend to B9+ (**WB, Black Sea**) – first NATO members and later partners in NATO Interoperability Initiative

4. Support to **multinational formations** as a priority one, followed by **exercises**

5. Use NATO, but EU **framework** as much as possible

6. Add **E&T / R&D** component and active **StratCom** component, involving the NGO

7. Include civil-mil cooperation for **mobility and crisis management** with special focus on **Cyber Defense / meeting Hybrid Warfare challenges**
Basic Environment for Simulation & Training: „Resilience“

- Policy
- Scenario Development
- Analysis & Presentations
- Technology and Innovation
- Simulation
- Real Systems Interfaces
- Research & Education
- Requirements & Operations
- BEST – Resilience Change Management
- Customer / Partners Relations Management
- Project & Service Management

BEST - Resilience
Conclusions

1. Develop FFT papers on **key defense partnership initiatives country by country** with NGO involved or even in the lead

2. **Consult regionally** and with NATO / EU (engage US think-thanks) to transform FFT papers in Policy papers with focus on MN Force Structure

3. Seek **political decisions** on highest level

4. Develop **project oriented scoping papers** to set up a business cases for a portfolio of MN projects

5. Seek NATO / EU frameworks to **support the cases**

6. **Commit nationally** and regionally, including financially to stimulate **Trust Fund policy implemented**

7. Implement with industry and academia for sustainability and **transformational benefits** for the countries in the region