

# **Partner Policy Guidance**

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# Outline

- **Partnership policy**
- **Considerations when developing TAPs**
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- **Post activity approval procedures**
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  - Changing partner participation to an activity

# NATO Partner Nations

- **On 12 April 2011, the North Atlantic Council (NAC) approved a “Policy for a More Efficient and Flexible Partnership”**
- **Under that policy, the generic word “Partners” ... refers to the following partnership communities:**
  - **The Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) / Partnership for Peace (PfP) Nations**
  - **The Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) Nations**
  - **The Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Nations**
  - **“Partners across the Globe” also known as “Global Partners”**



# EAPC/PfP Nations

- ARMENIA
- AUSTRIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BELARUS
- BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- FINLAND
- FYROM (MACEDONIA)
- GEORGIA
- IRELAND
- KAZAKHSTAN
- KYRGYZSTAN
- MALTA
- MOLDOVA
- MONTENEGRO
- RUSSIA
- SERBIA
- SWEDEN
- SWITZERLAND
- TAJIKISTAN
- TURKMENISTAN
- UKRAINE
- UZBEKISTAN



# MD Nations

- **ALGERIA**
  - **EGYPT**
  - **ISRAEL**
  - **JORDAN**
  - **MAURITANIA**
  - **MOROCCO**
  - **TUNISIA**
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- **\* Special procedures apply to this group**

# ICI Nations

- **BAHRAIN**
- **KUWAIT**
- **QATAR**
- **SAUDI ARABIA**
- **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**



# Global Partner Nations

- **AUSTRALIA**
- **NEW ZEALAND**
- **JAPAN**
- **REPUBLIC OF KOREA**
- **AFGHANISTAN**
- **IRAQ**
- **PAKISTAN**

# Contact and Other Nations

- All remaining countries
- **\* Including Nations from this group require special requirements/procedures as outlined in the RTA Operating Procedures:**
  - Prior recommendation and sponsorship by a Board Member or Panel Member sponsoring the RTO activity for which participation of a Contact Country national is desired
  - Agreement by the nation hosting the activity
  - Agreement by the NATO Office of Security and the RTB
  - Agreement by the NAC via the Political Committee, for Contact Country nationals whose country never previously undertook activities of any kind with NATO



# Partnership Policy

- **RTO activities can be for NATO only or open to Partners**
  - There is no requirement to include partners in all activities
- **Expectation is if an activity is open to a partner nation it is open to ALL partners**
- **You may still limit partner invitations to less than all partners**
  - Requires justification on limited partnership participation

# Considerations in Developing TAPs

## Planning Phase

- For activities open to partners try to include ALL partners
- If there are reasons to limit partner participation justification is required for the approval process
  - Justification statements should be in the form of why only certain partner nations are invited to participate not why certain nations are not invited
- \* **MD Nations policy**
  - Non-discrimination – Activities that are open to any MD nation are required to be advertised as open to all MD nations
  - The activity membership can be shaped after the approval process

# Activity Approval Process

- **Panel/Group approval**
  - Follow your Panel/Group process for activity approval
- **RTB approval**
  - RTA OCD will forward activities for RTB approval
- **NATO approval**
  - Military Committee Working Group on Cooperation (MCWG-COOP)
  - Political and Partnerships Committee (PPC)
- **Partnership Cooperation Menu (PCM)**
  - Approval tool Partner nations use to develop their yearly **RTO Individual Partnership and Cooperation Programmes**

# Post Activity Approval Procedures

## Working Phase

- **Shaping activity membership**
  - Technical Teams may :
    - Apply the “minimum effort” rule to manage new membership or
    - Request Panel approval to close its membership to attending /contributing nations and form a Limited Participation Technical Team (LPTT) in order to exchange sensitive information not releasable to those nations not participating in the Technical Team (\*see RTA Operating Procedures)
- **Changing partner participation to an activity beyond the original approved partners**
  - Technical Teams seeking to increase Partner nations involvement must gain unanimous approval from all currently participating nations, approval by the Panel and ultimately approval by the RTB

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