

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

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Agenda

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 NORDEFECO / V4-BDC model applicable in **South Eastern Europe**: from SEEBRIG to SEEDEFECO
3. Program for **Readiness and Interoperability** in Eastern Europe under NATO/EU framework (based on N1S)

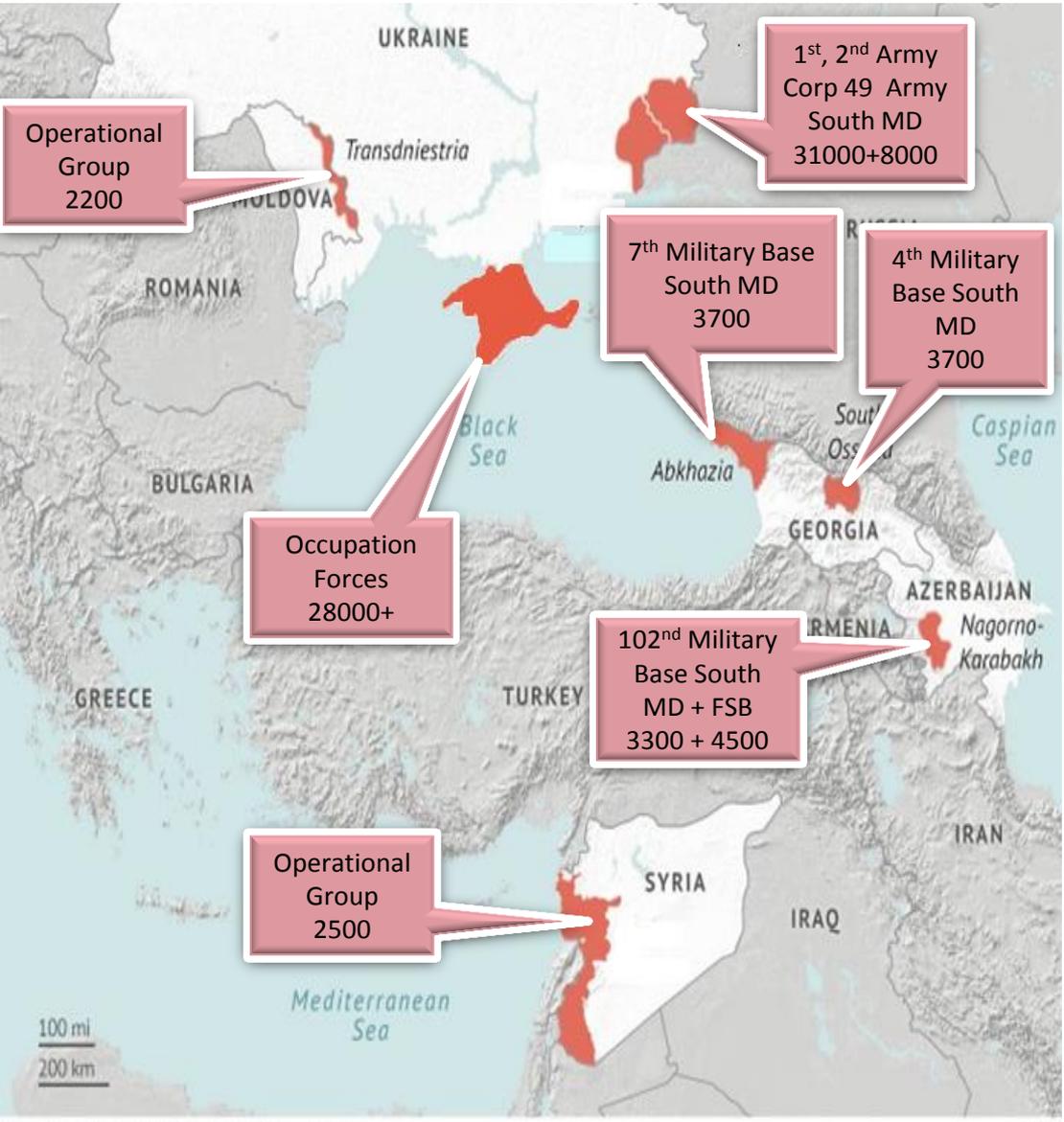
Policy / scoping papers of the Atlantic Council of Bulgaria conference 28.9.2018

- 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

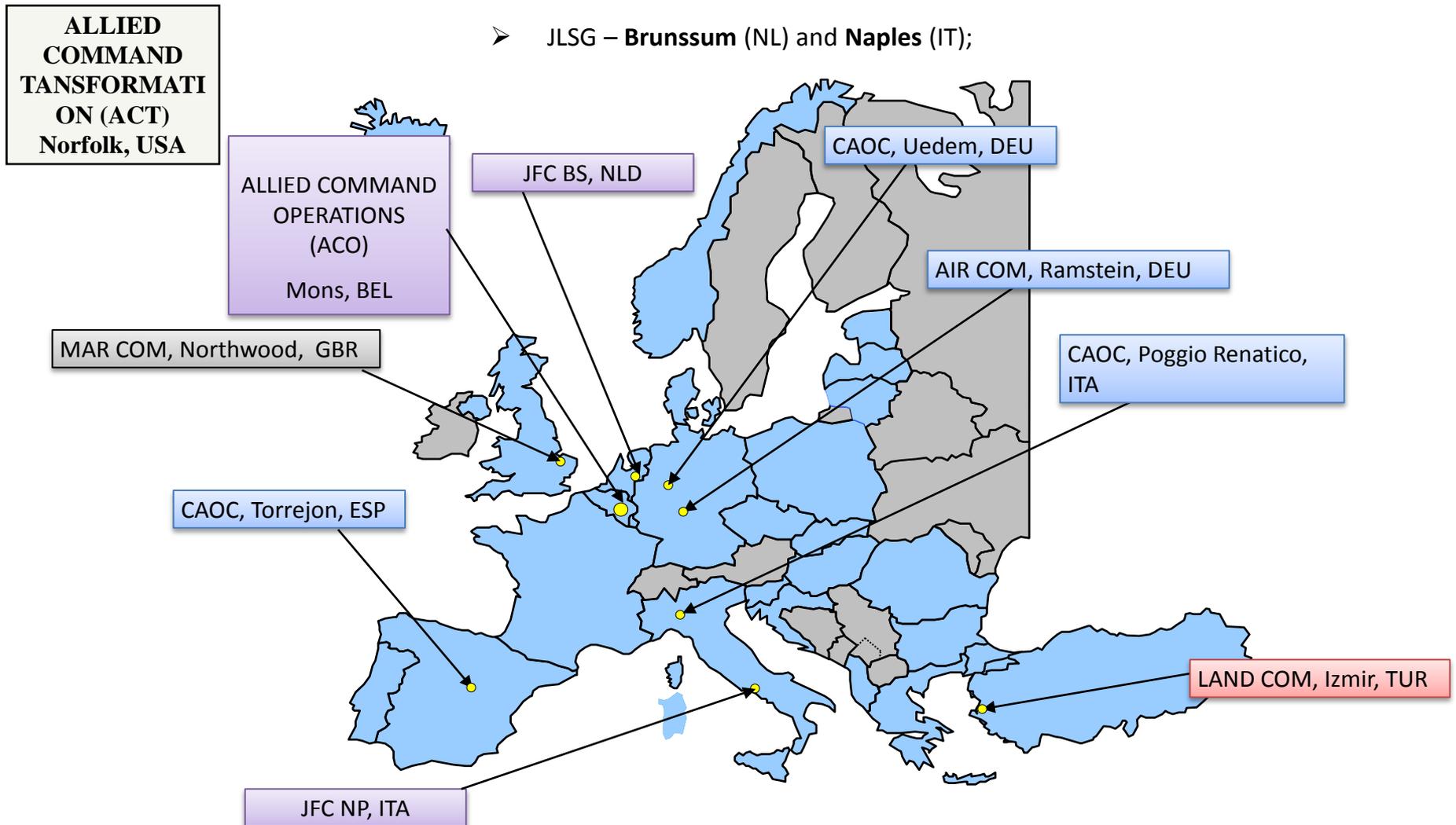
Regional "frozen" conflicts and unresolved territorial claims



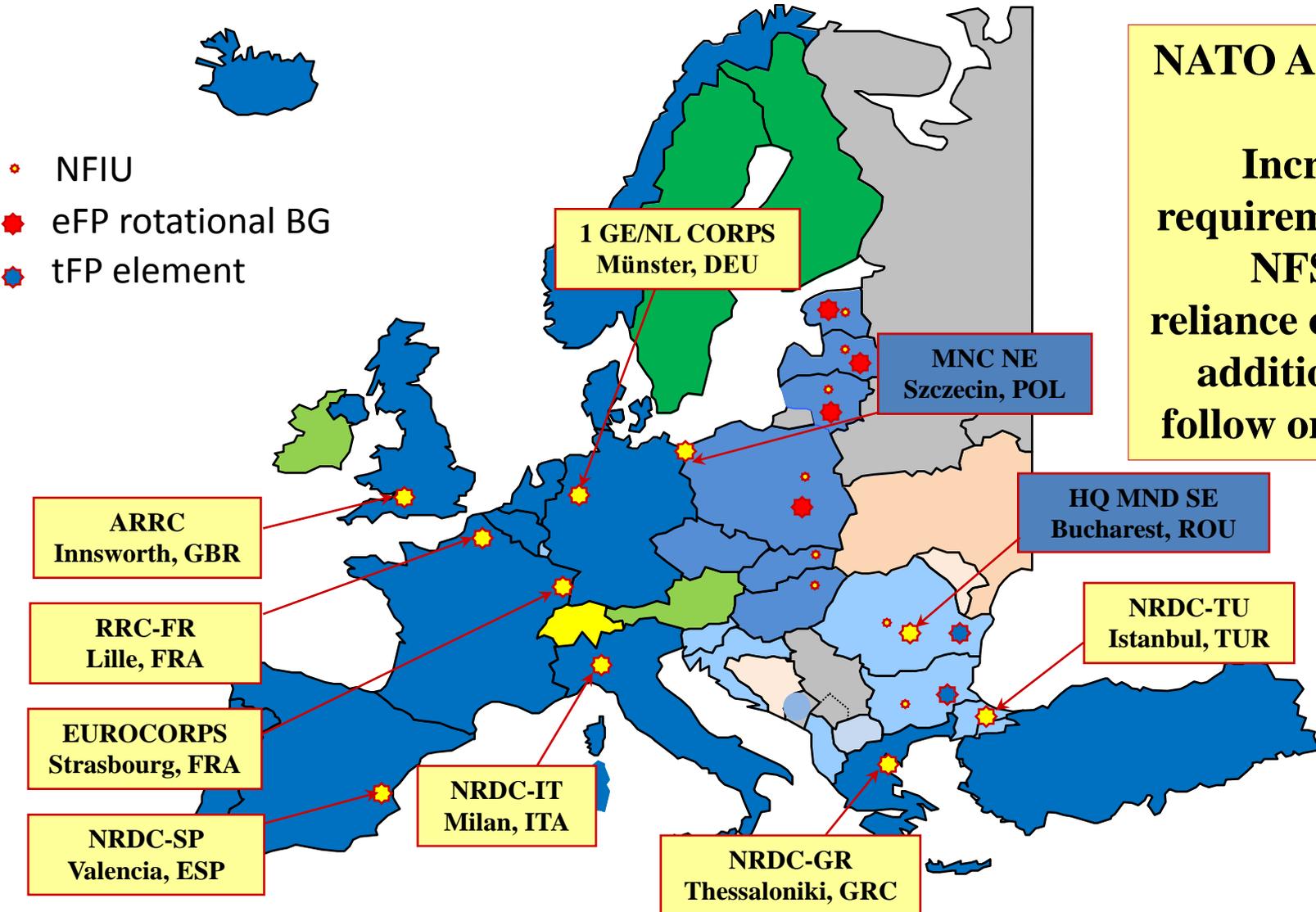
Location	Military Strength
Transdnistria	Armored vehicles – 150
Donbass	Main battle tanks – 590 Armored vehicles – 1227 Artillery Systems - 767 MLRS – 282
Crimea	Main battle tanks – 40 Armored vehicles – 583 Artillery Systems - 106 MLRS – 55 Rocket Systems – 16 Combat Aircrafts – 113 Combat Helicopters – 55 Combat Ships – 30 Submarines - 5
South Ossetia	Main battle tanks – 40 Armored vehicles – 120 Artillery Systems - 48 MLRS – 18 Rocket Systems – 3
Abkhazia	Main battle tanks – 40 Armored vehicles – 120 Artillery Systems - 48 MLRS – 18 Rocket Systems – 3
Armenia	Main battle tanks – 74 Armored vehicles – 80 Artillery Systems - 12 MLRS – 18
Syria	Combat Aircrafts & Helicopters – 35 Air Defence Systems C-400, C-300B4, Panzer-C1.

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)**;



GRADUATED READINESS FORCES **LAND** – enforced by Forward Presence, Atlantic Resolve / EDI and EU BG

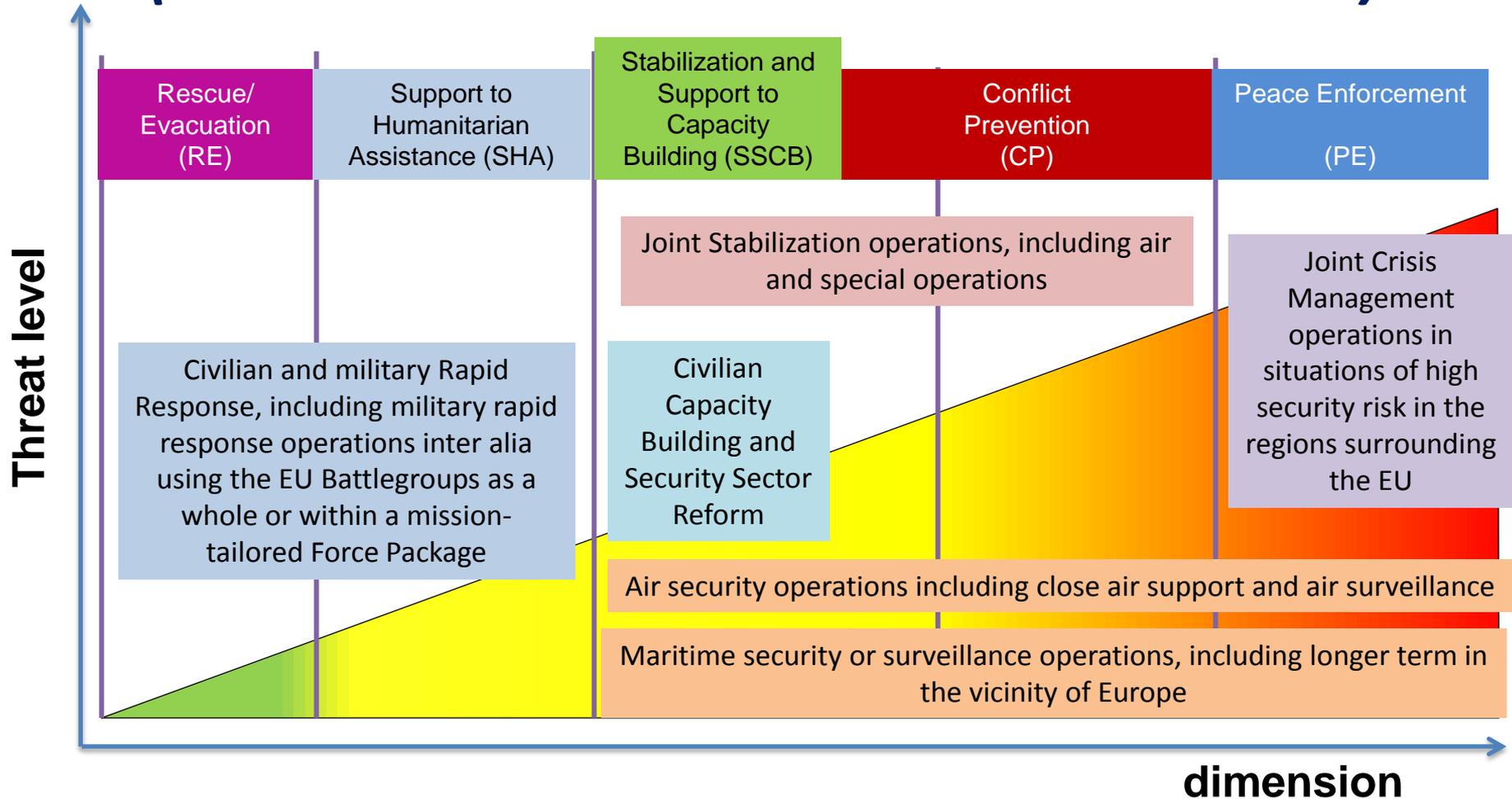


NATO Adaptation:

Increased requirements from NFS and reliance on NFS for additional and follow on Joint C2

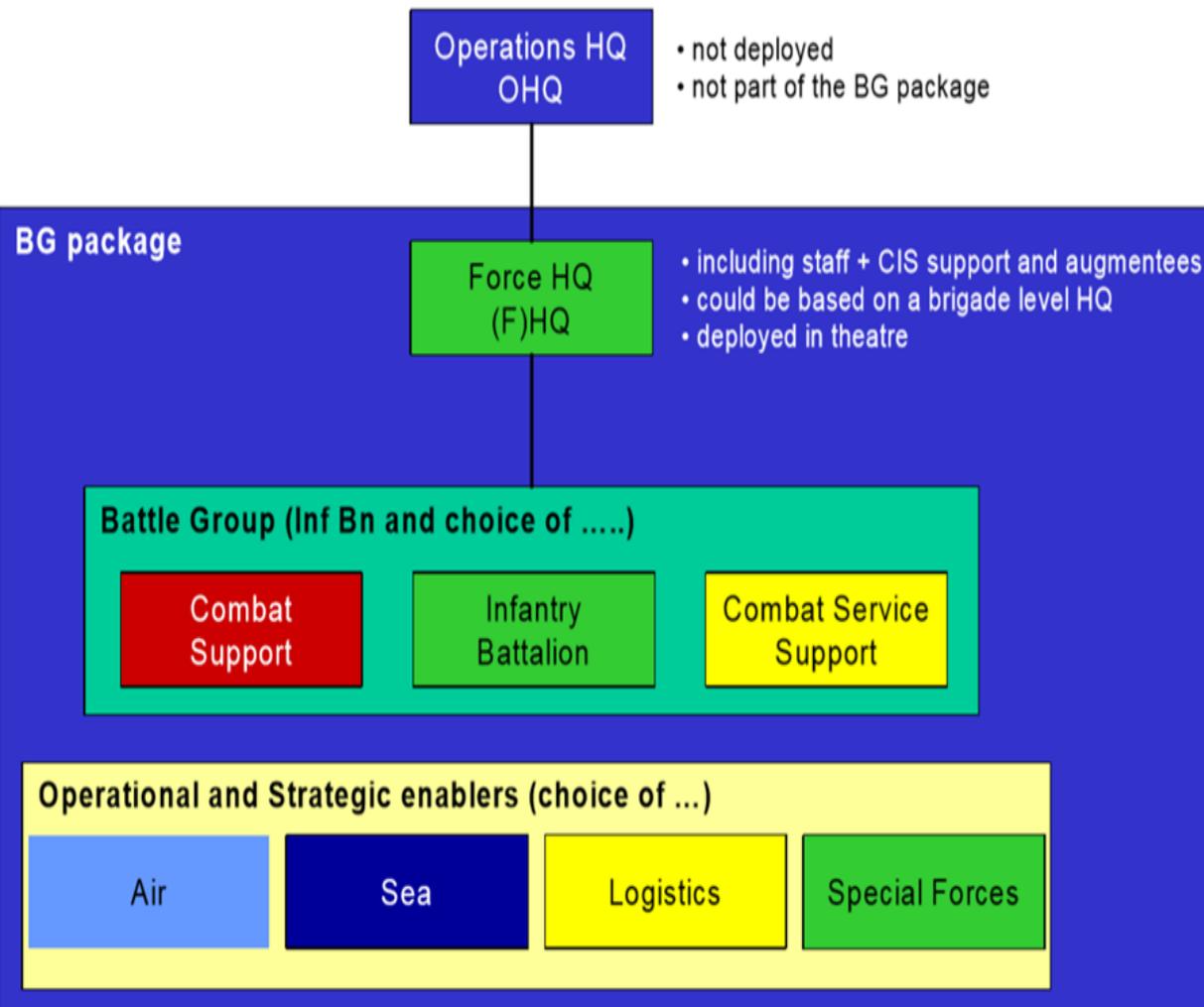
The Reality of EU defense capabilities

(all below art. 5 threshold and outside EU)



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.

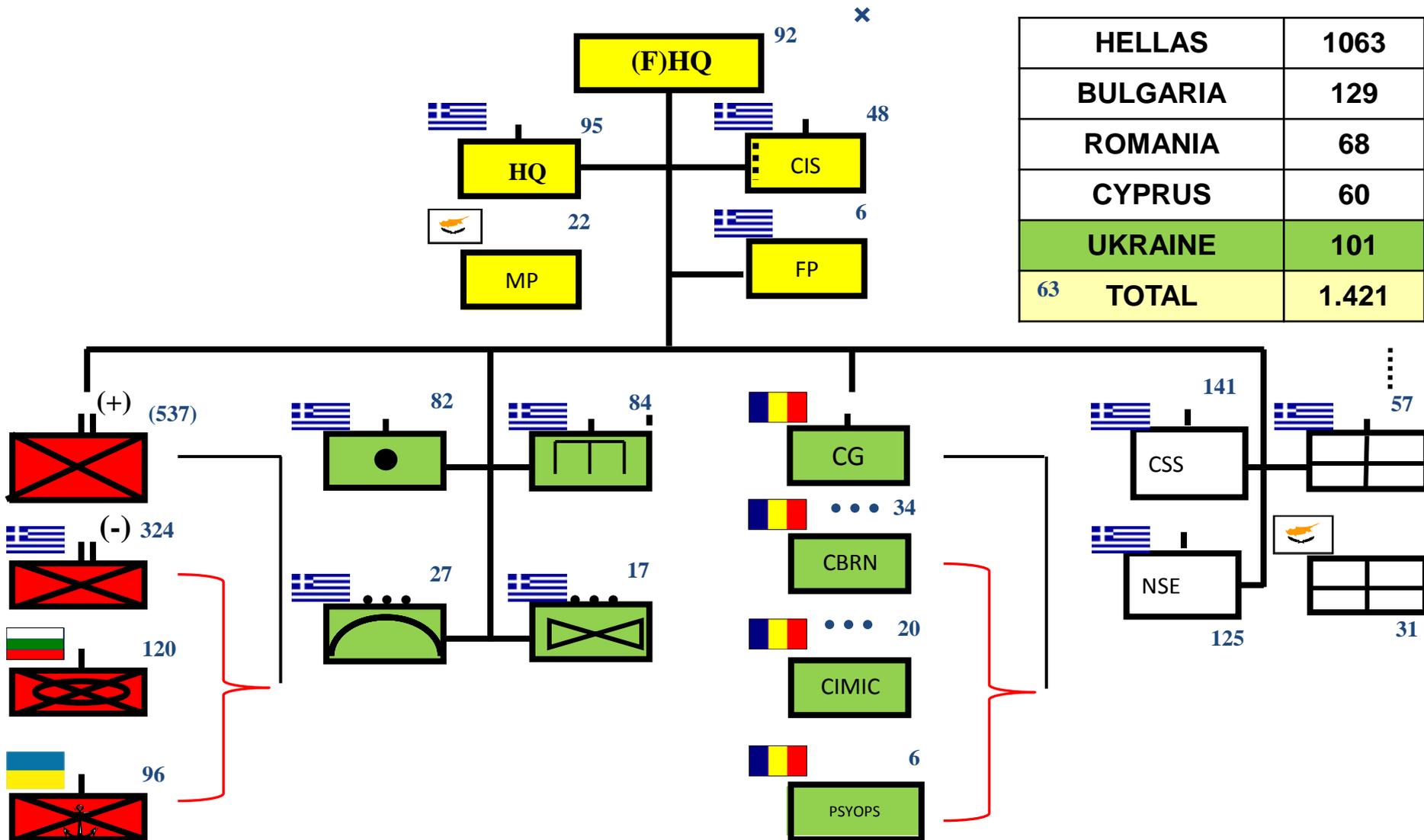
Sustainable for 30 days,

Extendable to 120 days

Deployed and sustained at strategic distances of 6,000 km or more from the EU territory

Multinationality on EU side

BULGARIAN PARTICIPATION in HELBROC



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

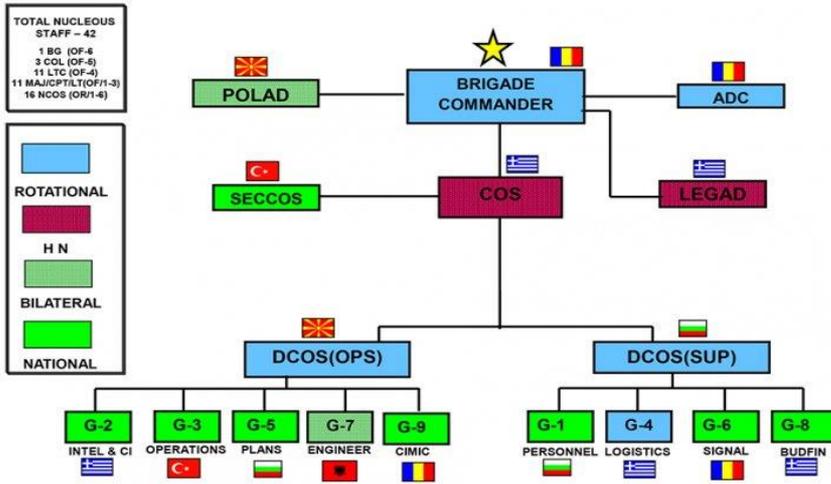


Exercises

Balkans (10 countries) + Black Sea-Caucasus (4 more to the East)



SEEBRIG – established in 1999, hosted on rotational base, started in Plovdiv/Bulgaria



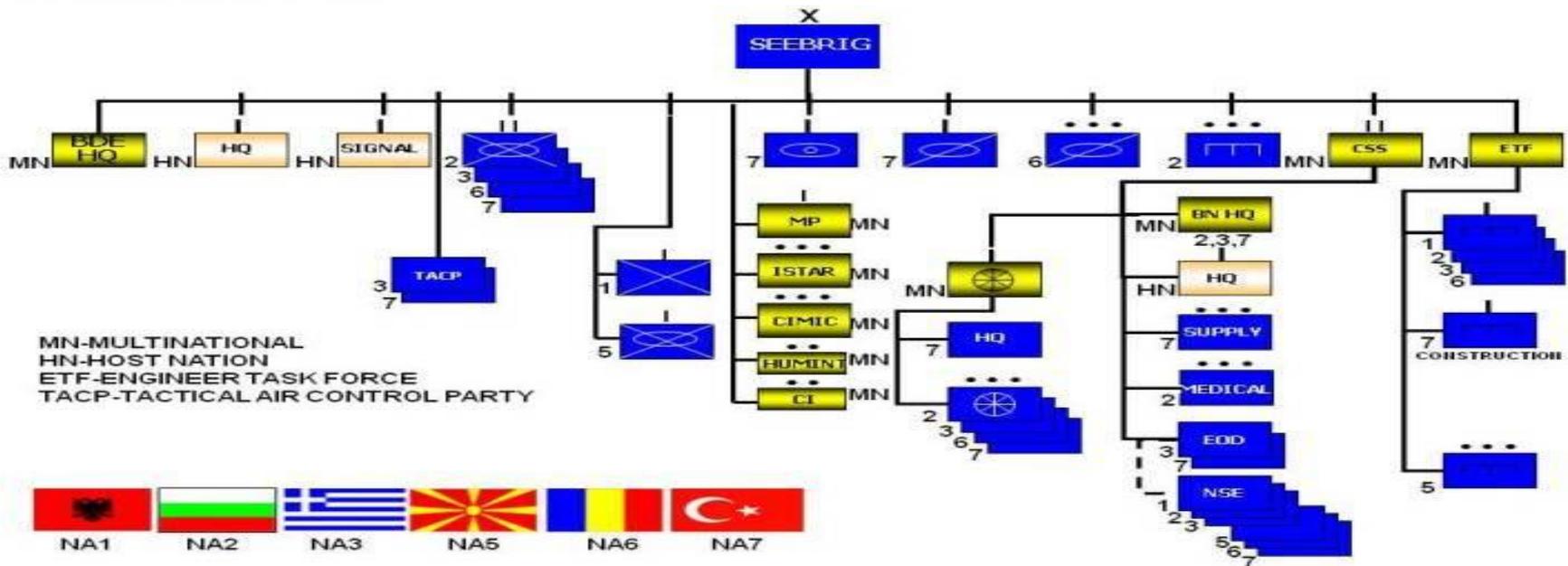
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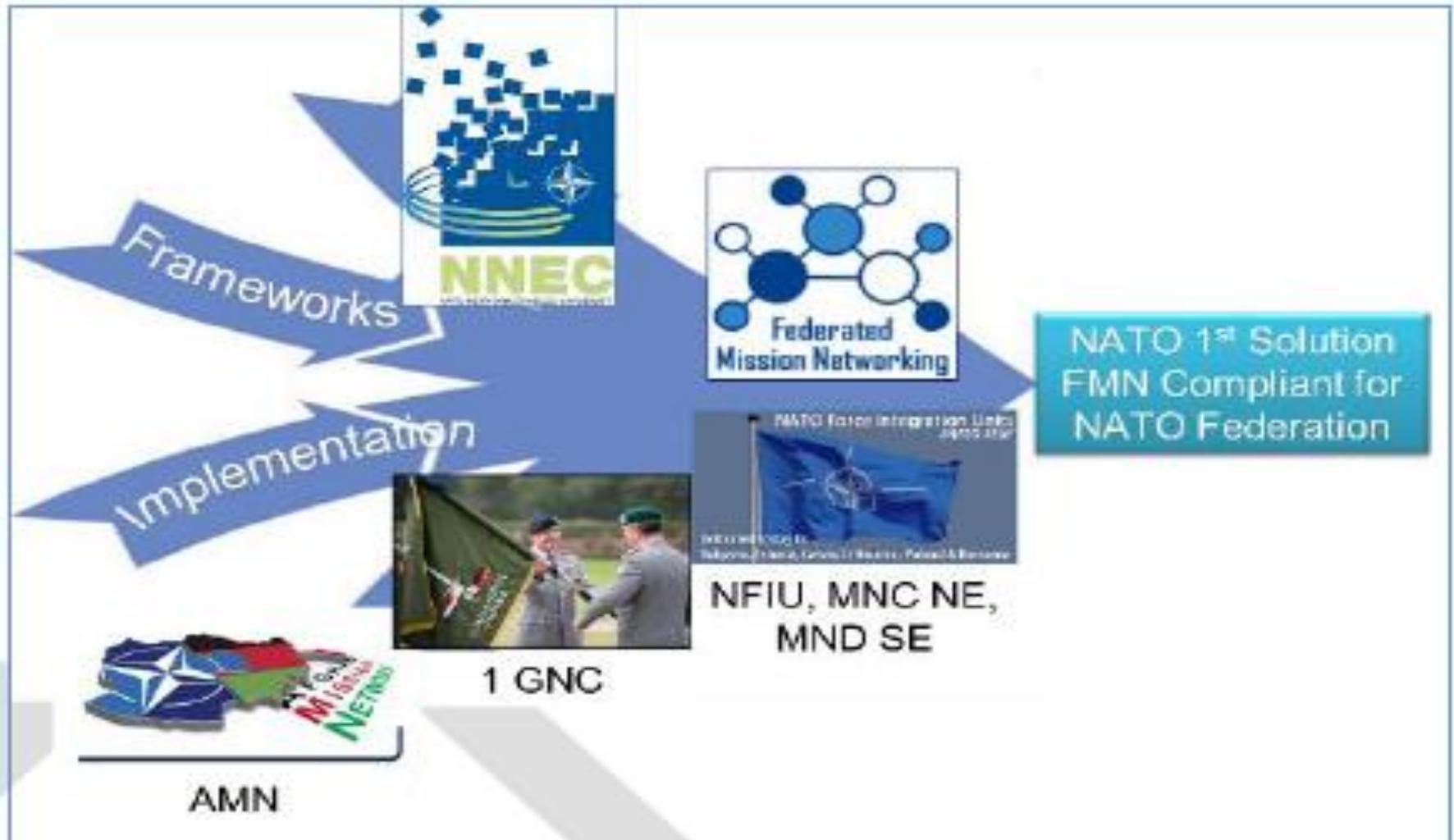
First MN formation in SEE, combining NATO, EU members and aspirants.

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?

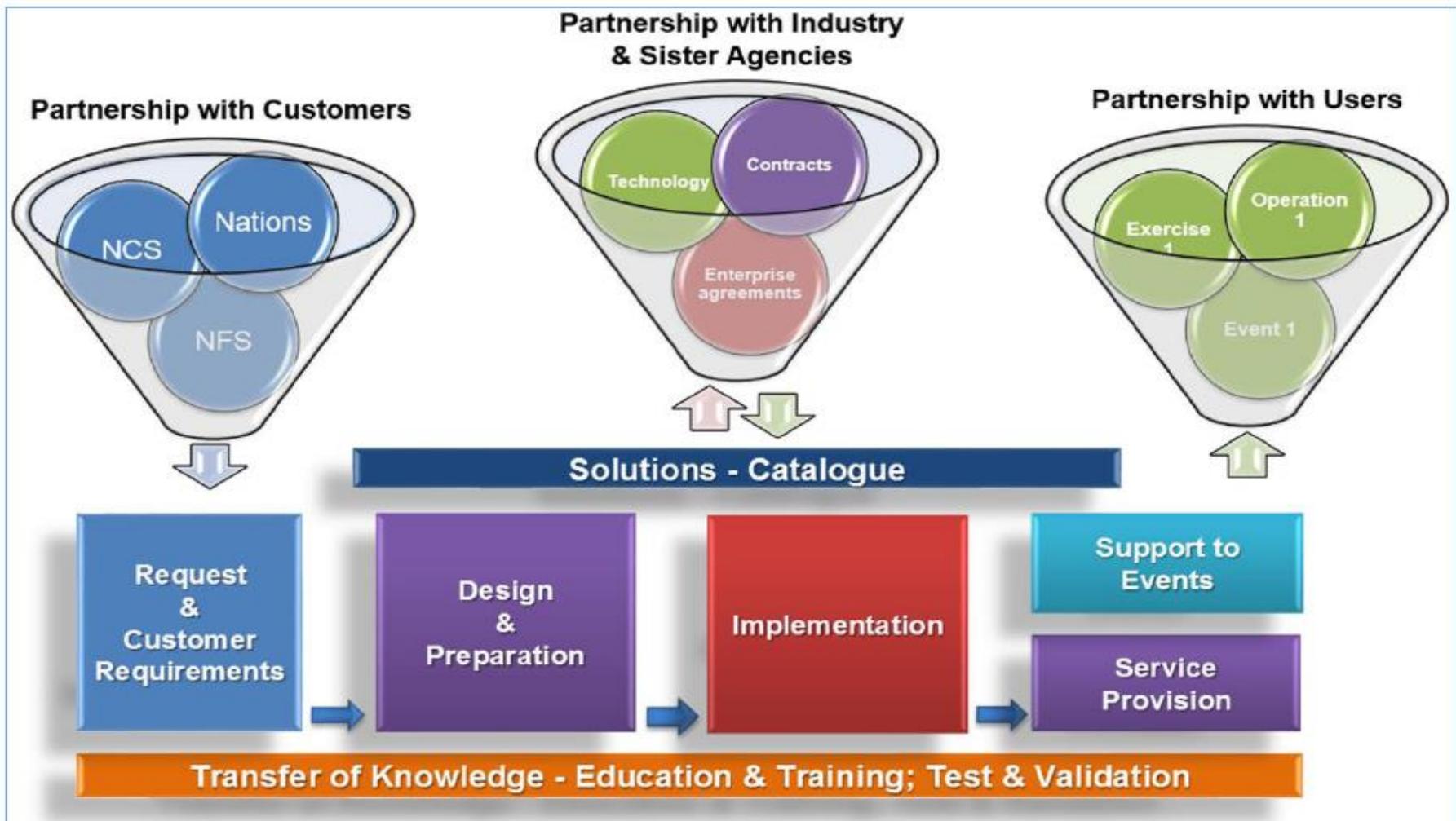


Development of NATO 1st Solution *from AMN to Forward Presence*



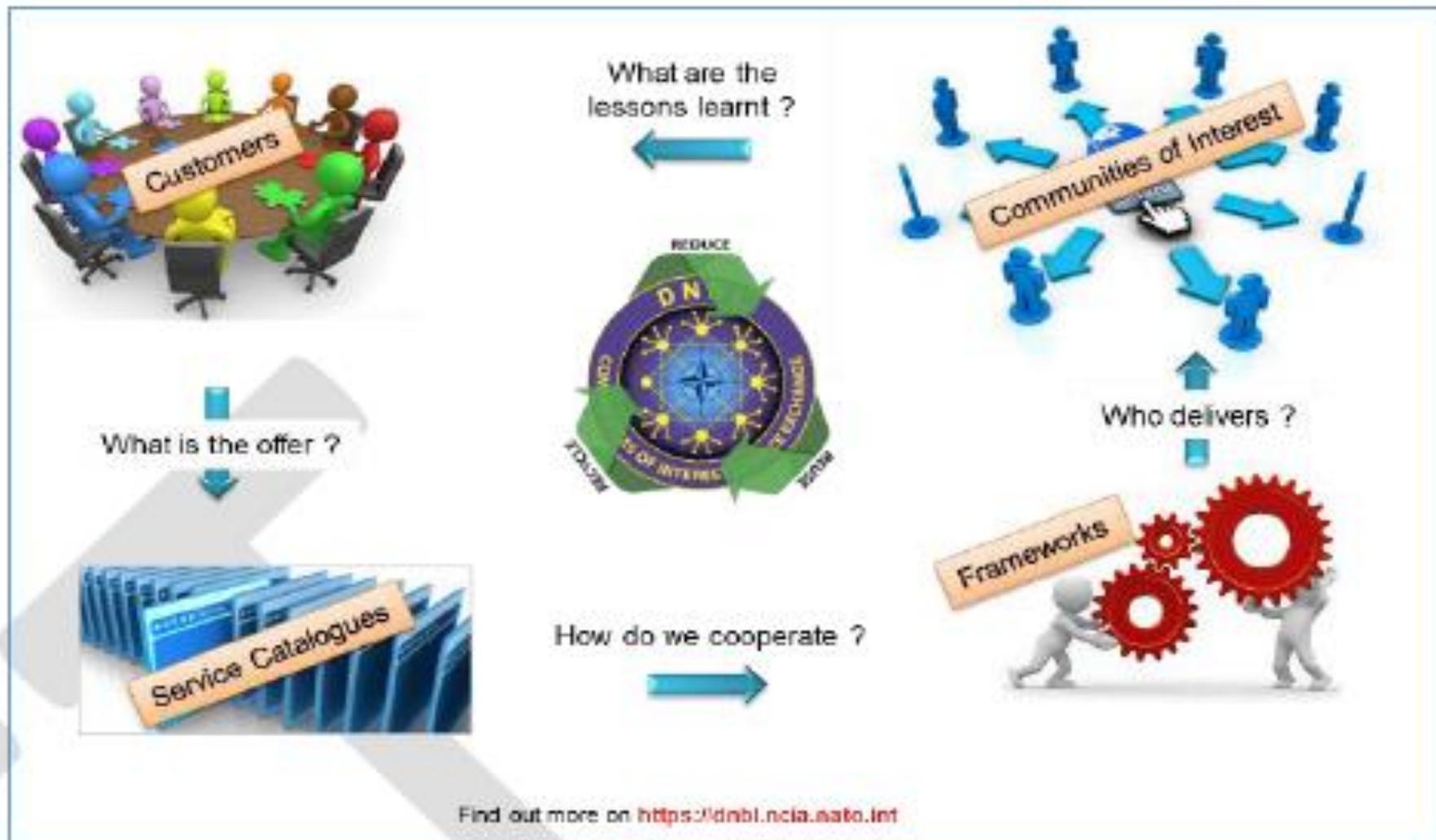
Scope of N1S Implementation

NCIA supported Program for Readiness and Interoperability



Implementaiton model for N1S

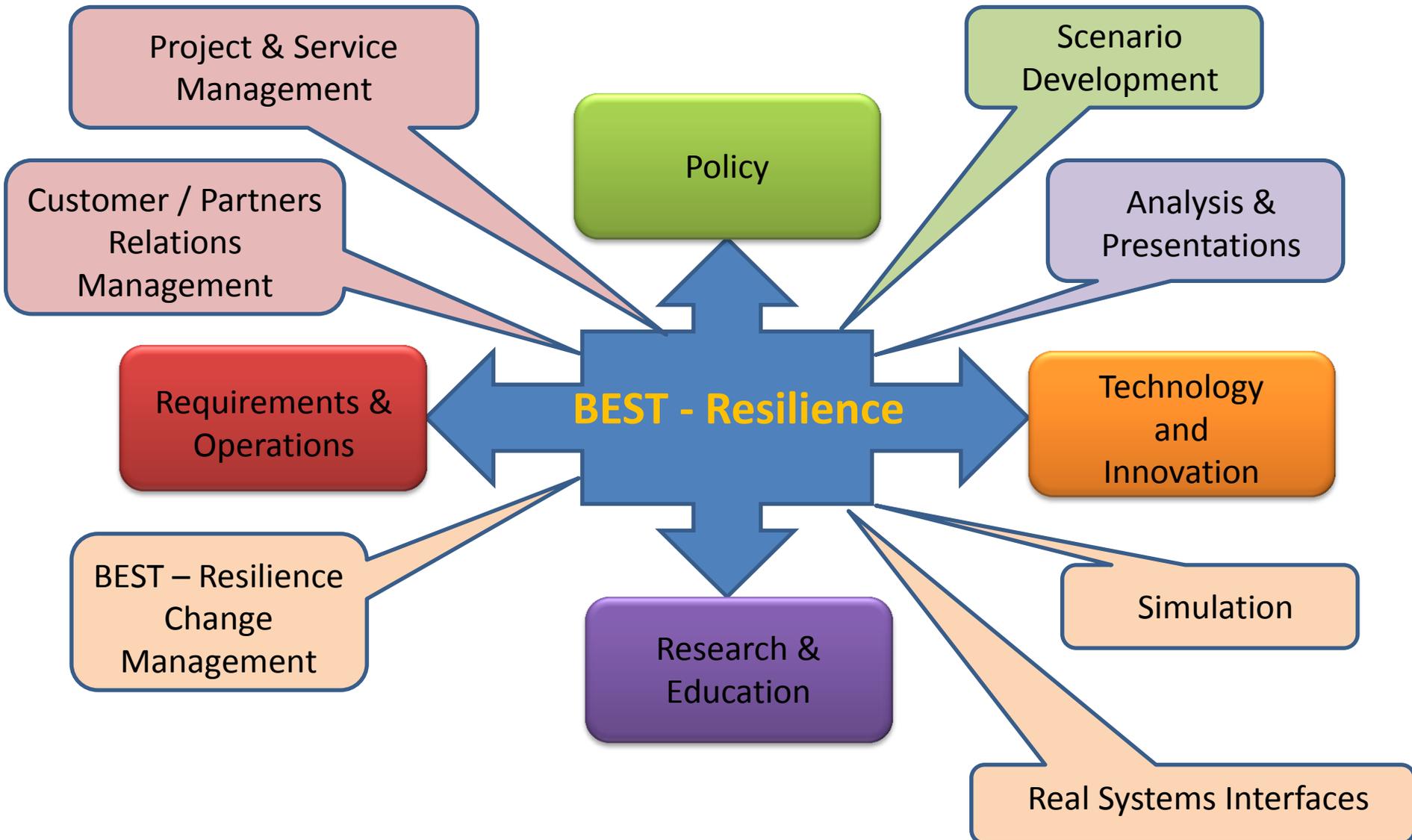
to support Program for Readiness and Interoperability



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“



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