



# The NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme

## Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme cooperation with Ukraine

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## *NATO-Ukraine Joint Working Group on Scientific and Environmental Cooperation (JWGSEC)*

- Oversees cooperation between NATO and Ukraine in the field of security-related civil science and technology;
- Stocktaking exercise;
- Explore new ideas for future cooperation;
- Meets regularly since nineties;
- 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Brussels, on 28 March 2019.

- Proposals relating to **Women, Peace and Security** (WPS);



- Continued support to countering **hybrid threats**;
- Potential projects in **maritime scientific research** as it relates to Black Sea environmental safety.

- UNSCR 1325: an important policy priority for NATO and Partner countries.
- Integration of gender perspectives into NATO policies and activities as a strategic goal since Wales Summit in 2014.
- **SPS** has supported the WPS agenda since 2013 (approx. 15 projects in past 5 years)

- **2015 SPS-supported ARW** on the impact of the crisis in Ukraine on women and their role in conflict resolution.
- **2018 SPS-supported ARW** on civil-military cooperation in the implementation of the Ukrainian UNSCR 1325 National Action Plan in Eastern Ukraine.



- Coordination with the Office of the NATO SecGen's Special Representative on Women, Peace and Security
- Ukrainian representative in the Civil Society Advisory Panel



- Ukrainian interest in **new proposals for SPS** cooperation in 2 directions:
  - Gender perspective on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from woman combatants returning from conflict zones;
  - Reintegration of women combatants into civilian life upon their return from theatre.



- NATO strategy (2015): Prepare + Deter + Defend
- Committed to effective cooperation and coordination with Partners:
  - Lessons-learned
  - Best practices
  - Training
  - resilience
- **2018 Brussels Summit:** Allies and Ukraine committed to step up activities under the **NATO-Ukraine Platform on Countering Hybrid Warfare**



- 20 Apr 2018: Lithuania organized a seminar on Strategic Communications Cooperation in response to Hybrid Threats recommending specific priority areas for the Platform's activities.
- 7-8 Nov 2018: Ukraine organized a high-level international conference “The Hybrid War Decade: Lessons-learned to move forward successfully” showing ambition and commitment to play a leading role.
- **24-26 Apr 2019: SPS contributed to the effort and supported the joint proposal by Ukraine and Lithuania with an Advanced Research Workshop on ‘Pooling the expertise to develop the early warning system to counter hybrid threats.’**
- 26-27 Sep 2019: Ukraine organized a workshop at the Diplomatic Academy in Kyiv, in the framework of the Platform, on “Hybrid Threats: Recognize, Adjust and Respond” looking at the recent evolution and lessons learned from Ukraine, as well as likely evolution of the hybrid threats.







- TTX: COHERENT RESILIENCE 2020 (Oct) related to evolving challenges in the Black Sea, and part of the Platform to support Ukraine’s resilience against hybrid threats and its crisis response capabilities.
- Academic seminar foreseen prior to the TTX on countering Hybrid threats on critical infrastructure.

- International cooperation in research and monitoring of Black Sea waters, as a result of buried chemical weapons at disposal sites dating back to 1940ies and 50ies
- Building on earlier cooperation between Ukraine and NATO 15 years ago, and current cooperation between Ukraine and European Union in this area.

Today the NATO Team's presence in Kyiv is an opportunity to review and flesh out the JWGSEC priority areas.

Next JWGSEC meeting should take place in Ukraine in 2021.



# Thank you

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