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bridging gaps

We live in a globalized world where threat networks flourish worldwide in the form of terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking, or insurgency.

Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) continue to be one of the most accessible weapons available to all of these networks to cause damage critical infrastructure and inflict casualties. These networks entail not only personnel, but also resources and activities, and the linkages between them that are necessary to resource, plan, execute and exploit an IED event. We should consider all these networks potential users of IEDs.

The approach for countering the threat networks aims at fighting their financing, logistics and resources, recruitment, and propaganda. This strategy goes beyond the usual responsibilities of agencies, and should not be limited

to certain areas, but rather should intersect diplomatic, law enforcement, military, financial, and commercial areas as a whole.

The deployment of this strategy may require the introduction of some changes in national and international legality and policy, some measures to improve appropriate channels to exchange sensitive information, or a technical framework to enable the sharing of information.

We must work together to combat this real threat: those threat networks that use or facilitate IEDs.

In a 3-day programme we will develop lectures, panels and debates to share the most interesting and innovative initiatives on the cooperation among national and international security and defence organizations and agencies of our partners and allies.

who should attend?

We expect that the **IAWS2015** will be attended by leading international experts and senior officials from the different agencies and organizations.

Our intention is to bring together subject matter experts from military, law enforcement, and civil organizations and agencies of different nations and others at international level, to provide the latest initiatives regarding the fight against networks that use and provide IEDs, to discuss the legal framework for cooperation and to comment on the technical programmes for information sharing.

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where is the gap?

While Law Enforcement Agencies are currently cooperating to exchange information –EUROPOL is a clear example of this– in military Operations as ISAF in Afghanistan, the Allied Nations have been able to develop an effective system to share and fuse a great amount of information about threat networks within the Joint Operations Area (JOA). However, both parts work independently of each other and do not benefit from the synergies that would result from a combined effort as much as it would be desirable.

NATO states that Countering Threat Networks (CTN)

should be developed on a higher plain, beyond the JOA. NATO's C-IED approach is more comprehensive and crosses areas and responsibilities of agencies within the diplomatic, law enforcement and other counter-criminal agencies, military, economic, and commercial areas.

The C-IED COE considers that there is a Critical Gap at the Strategic Level, as it was stated during the NATO Counter-IED Conference 2013, between the Law Enforcement Agencies and the Military Forces deployed in theatres of operations, where the threat networks know no boundaries.

what is the IAWS2015?

The **IAWS2015** is a 3-day event to discuss about the current situation and the future initiatives on the cooperation among organizations and agencies to combat threat networks that employ or facilitate IEDs –terrorism, transnational organized crime, etc.–

The General Objective of the **IAWS2015** is to promote and enhance interagency collaboration between military, law enforcement and civil organizations and agencies, on both national and international levels, in order to facilitate the cooperation and flow of information regarding the phenomenon of threat networks which facilitate and employ IEDs. The **IAWS2015** addresses the current

Policy Aspects to contribute to a better understanding about the international conventions, agreements, and policies of cooperation and information exchange in order to prevent and combat those networks; the **Information Sharing** initiatives to promote an effective flow of information between military and civilian organizations and agencies regarding those threats; and the standardised use of **Biometric and Forensic** information for Technical Exploitation to promote the benefits of a common framework to inter-operate with this data, always with the maximum respect for the Rule of Law and the protection of the Civil Liberties.

what is the C-IED COE?

The C-IED COE is a multinational, joint and interagency organization; it is not part of the NATO Command Structure but forms part of the wider framework supporting the NATO Command Arrangements.

The mission of the C-IED COE is to provide subject matter expertise in order to support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, its Partners, and the International Community in the fight against Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), collaborate to increase the security of Allied Nations and troops deployed in theatres of operations and reduce or eliminate the threats from IEDs, in particular by terrorists or insurgents.

The long term vision of the C-IED COE is to have a solid capability to cooperate with military and civilian international organizations and industry to increase security of nations and troops deployed in theatres of operations, to assist in reducing or eliminating the threat of attacks with IEDs and to provide information to national and international organizations to combat the IEDs as a weapon of strategic influence.

Under a comprehensive approach the C-IED COE fosters an improvement in practical cooperation among the main actors on the international stage.

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