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COE-DAT
Ankara/TÜRKİYE



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE DEFENCE AGAINST TERRORISM



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***"We defend against terrorism to bring
Peace at Home, Peace in the World"***

HISTORY

Türkiye declared her intention to establish COE-DAT in December 2003. Following a preparation period of the Memorandum of Understanding, COE-DAT was officially inaugurated on 28 June 2005. COE-DAT met the criteria set by Allied Command Transformation (ACT), was accredited by NATO, and gained "International Military Organization" status on 14 August 2006. Currently, 7 NATO nations (Türkiye, Albania, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania and the United States) are taking part in COE-DAT.

Since its establishment COE-DAT has been actively contributing to CT challenges by conducting courses, mobile education and training activities, seminars, and workshops for the members of NATO, Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Partners Across the Globe (PatG), İstanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), relevant International Organizations (IOs), and countries with which Türkiye has a bilateral relationship.



WHO WE ARE!

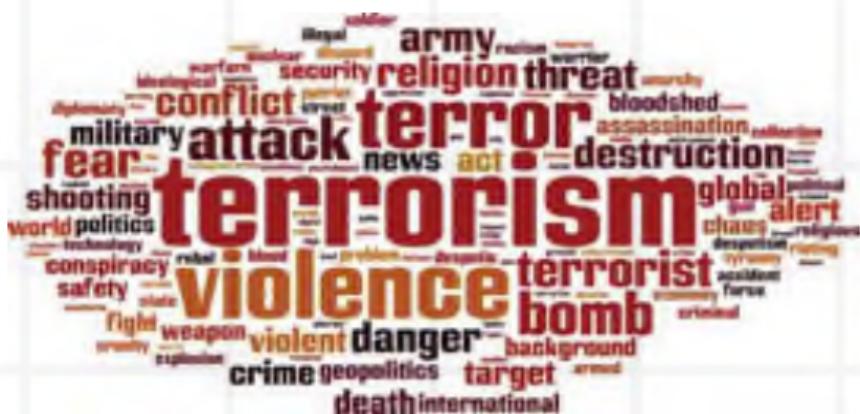
COE-DAT supports and contributes to NATO's Counter Terrorism efforts and transformation by functionally aligning itself to cover three main roles:

- As a NATO Education and Training Facility running courses Mobile Education and Training Team Activities and Seminars,
- As NATO's Department Head for Counter Terrorism and
- As a strategic level Centre of Excellence (think tank) cooperating with Academia and Researchers.



COE-DAT is the second centre accredited among NATO Centres of Excellence.

COE-DAT is the unique centre on terrorism related issues accredited by NATO.



VISION

To remain an internationally recognized and respected resource of expertise, and serve as NATO's hub for research, education, and collaboration amongst the global counter-terrorism community of interest.

MISSION

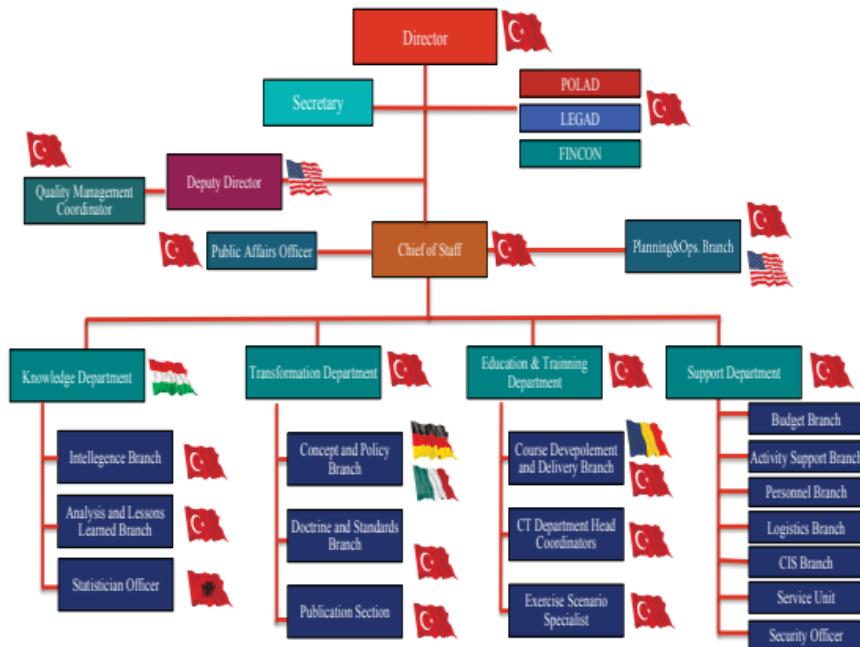
Provide key decision-makers with a comprehensive understanding of terrorism and Counter Terrorism challenges, in order to support NATO's and the Nations of Interest transformation to meet future security challenges.

This transformation is embedded into NATO's three declared core tasks of deterrence and defence, crisis prevention and management, and cooperative security.

CORE VALUES

- Quality
- Efficiency
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Teamwork
- Reputation and Recognition
- Continuous Development
- Sustainable Success

Organization



QUALITY ASSURANCE

COE-DAT has been awarded the NATO Quality Assurance Unconditional Accreditation Certificate, valid for six years, starting January 2025. This follows a thorough evaluation by the HQ SACT Quality Assurance Team of Experts (QA ToE) in 11-12 September 2024, during which COE-DAT was assessed against 31 NATO Quality Standards. The accreditation confirms that COE-DAT's processes and procedures meet NATO's Education and Training (E&T) quality assurance standards, ensuring the accuracy, consistency, and reliability of its curriculum.

The COE-DAT staff is dedicated to providing NATO-approved education and training to our participants through a team of highly qualified experts, lecturers, instructors, and prominent guest speakers from national and international military/civilian organizations and universities.



General Concept

What does NATO expect from us?
Contribution to Transformation



For which agencies ?

- Experience
- Training
- Contribution to interoperability and capabilities
- Contribution to doctrine development
- Assist in testing and validating concepts

International

- ACT (priority requests)
- ACO
- Other NATO agencies
 - NATO countries
 - Other nations
 - IOs
 - Universities
 - Industries

National

- Armed Forces
 - Related ministries
 - Other govermental organizations
 - Universities
 - Industries

On which scope?

Full spectrum of terrorism

To do what ?



- Training and education
 - Provision of experts
- Info collection and dissemination
 - Contribute to common understanding
 - Technical advice
- Assist in testing and validating concepts
- Assist in doctrine development
- Assist in scenario development
 - Publication

How ?



At which levels ?

Conducting;
Courses, Symposia,
Seminars, Conferences,
Workshops, Projects,
METT Activities, ADL.
Providing;
Publications, SMEs,
Reports, Studies.



- Strategic;
 - High Level NATO HQ Personnel
 - High Level SCs HQ Personnel
 - High Level National and Allied Officials (Diplomats, Senior Officials, Academic Personnel, Media Representatives)
- Operational;
 - Brigade and above HQ Personnel
 - Bureaucrats
- Diplomatic Personnel



Contributions...

- Provide comprehensive understanding of CT challenges
- Facilitate international cooperation
- Provide expertise
- Contribute to:
 - Education and training,
 - Concept and doctrine development,
 - Transformation efforts,
 - Analysis and Lessons Learned.

Courses

Since 2005, COE-DAT has conducted 340 activities. To date, 15.483 participants from 124 countries and over 3.657 lectures from 73 countries have taken part in our activities.

Mobile Education and Training

COE-DAT spans the globe with mobile education and training teams that bring education to other nations to meet their individual training needs. Since 2007, COE-DAT conducted 33 METTs in 20 countries.

Workshops and Seminars

Since 2005, COE-DAT has hosted workshops and seminars forming a global platform to exchange subject matter experts views on CT issues to enhance NATO's understanding of current challenges. This year COE-DAT will hold several workshops examining different challenges on the field of Defence Against Terrorism. In addition, COE-DAT will conduct "Terrorism Experts Conference" as one of its flagship event of the year.



COE-DAT

NO.	ACTIVITY
1	Course: Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks
2	Course: Defence Against Terrorism
3	Conference: Annual CT Discipline
4	Pilot Course: Human Security from Gendered Perspective and Child Protection in Counter Terrorism (<i>Online</i>)
5	Course: Fighting the Financial Dimensions of Terrorism
6	Course: Terrorist Use of Cyber Space in General Terms
7	Meeting: Steering Committee & Senior Resource Committee
8	Course: Terrorism and Media (<i>Online</i>)
9	Course: Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities
10	Course: Legal Aspects of CT
11	Assessment: SACT Periodic Assessment Visit
12	Course: CT/Attack the Network (<i>Online</i>)
13	Conference: Terrorism Experts Conference
14	Meeting: Steering Committee & Senior Resource Committee
15	Course: Border Security, Refugees, and Counter Terrorism
16	Project: Comprehensive Strategies for Counterterrorism in NATO
17	Project: Relationships between Hybrid Warfare and Terrorism
18	Project: Impact of Terrorism on the Human Security Domain
19	Project: NATO's Future Challenges in Technology and CT: Autonomous Battlefield
20	Project: ADL CT Course Development: Dimensions of Counter Terrorism
21	Project: COE-DAT Podcast Episodes
22	METT: Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (<i>Kuwait</i>)
23	METT: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (<i>Moldova</i>)
24	METT: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (<i>Germany</i>)

NOTE: Deliver your application form or for any questions please

2026 ACTIVITY PLAN

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TERRORISM EXPERTS CONFERENCE

In 2026 COE-DAT is going to conduct the annual Terrorism Experts Conference (TEC) on Defence Against Terrorism which cover CT related subjects and discusses latest trends in Terrorism and Counter Terrorism.

Aim of the event is:

- to provide senior officers an opportunity to update their understanding of terrorism from preeminent experts in relevant fields,
- to reflect on the role of terrorism in international relations and conflict,
- to prepare attendees to make sense of international developments and respond with better policy and strategy.

Participation:

The conference brings together participants such as:

- Senior Commanders and Flag Officers (OF5 and above),
- CT Practitioners on the executive level (OF2 to OF4), that should be working in domains such as counterterrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. (Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/ academic experience.),
- International and national CT experts from academia, think tanks,
- Academics and researchers from various international organizations,
- Universities,
- Military educational institutions,
- Security institutions,
- Think tanks.

The event is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

Interested? Contact and reserve your seat:
www.coedat.nato.int



LESSONS LEARNED



To support NATO's Lessons Learned process, COE-DAT conducts workshops and research projects on DAT related subjects.

2025 included the following key lessons learned activities (all reports are now published and available online):

- Climate Change & Terrorism,
- The Effects of The Russia-Ukraine War on Countering Terrorism,
- The Weaponizing of Artificial Intelligence the Next Stage of Terrorism and Warfare,
- COE-DAT podcast episodes,
- Gender in Terrorism/Counter Terrorism,
- Emerging Disruptive Technologies in CT,
- NATO's Regional CT Challenges: Sahel,
- NATO SOF Roles in Counter Terrorism/Crisis Response.

COE-DAT's Lessons Learned process regarding CT related topics will continue in the following 2026 projects:

- Comprehensive Strategies for Counterterrorism in NATO,
- Relationships between Hybrid Warfare and Terrorism,
- Impact of Terrorism on the Human Security Domain,
- NATO's Future Challenges in Technology and CT: Autonomous Battlefield,
- ADL CT Course Development: Dimensions of Counter Terrorism,
- COE-DAT podcast episodes,
- Annual Discipline Conference.



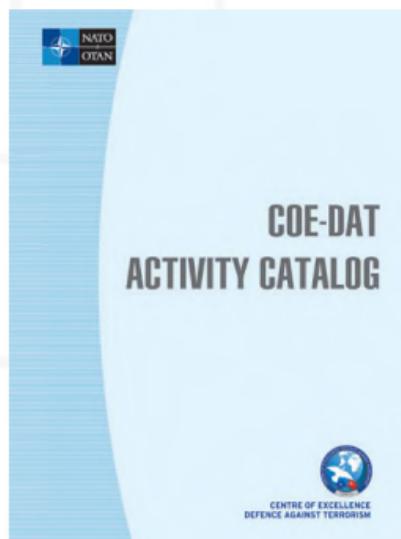
PUBLICATIONS



DATR is an interdisciplinary, refereed journal that includes political, legal, sociological, economic, and psychological approaches to terrorism.



A report is published after the execution of conferences and workshops.



The catalog is published annually and gives basic information about courses.

Lectures



Mobile Education Training

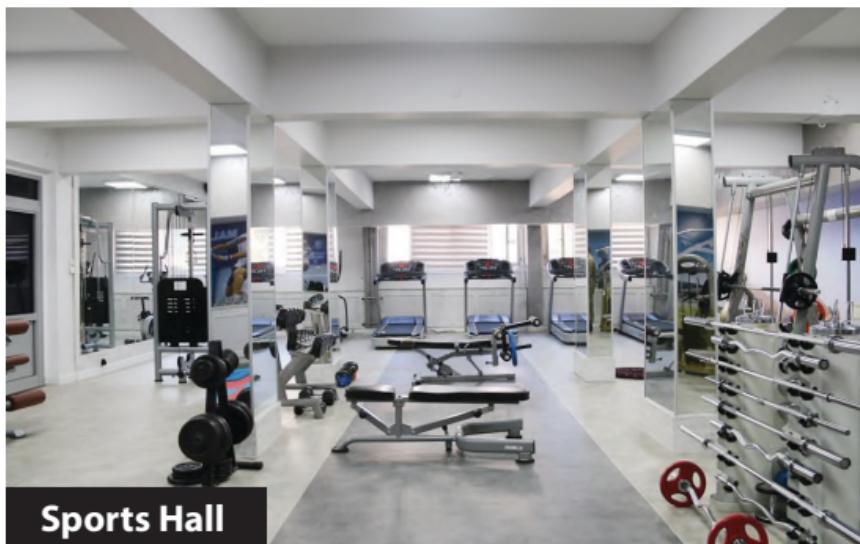


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