

History



In 1997, following the peace support operations in the Balkans area, NATO recognized the need for a civil-military cooperation capability to interface with the civil environment and facilitate the accomplishment of its mission.

Consequently, NATO decided to create a specialized unit solely responsible for civil-military cooperation. Italy took in the demand for this specialized unit and promoted, as framework Nation, the creation of the "CIMIC Group South" (CGS) in Motta di Livenza, on 1st January 2002 with the participation of Greece (letter of Intent in 2002), Hungary (letter of Intent in 2003) and

Portugal (letter of Intent in 2003).

In 2004 the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the representatives of the four Participating Nations: Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, in the presence of a representative from SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Power in Europe). In 2005 CGS was nominated NATO-assigned Force to SACEUR (Supreme Allied Commander Europe).

In 2006 Romania signed the letter of Intent as well and in 2009 the "CIMIC Group South" 2004 Signing of the first Memorandum of Understanding denomination was changed to "Multinational CIMIC Group" (MNCG). Finally, in March 2012, the unit was officially affiliated to SHAPE and in 2014 Slovenia joined the MNCG by signing the MoU.

Mission



MNCG is a dedicated Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) capability that supports the chain of command to which it will be assigned during operations – from Joint HQ (Operational level) down to Brigade Command (Tactical level) – to enhance the effectiveness of military operations and to serve as an essential forum for CIMIC consultations and as Centre of expertise for CIMIC related matters. MNCG depends from a Coordinating Committee which is made up of a Chairman, a Secretary and the representatives from the 6 Partner Nations. The Coordinating Committee is the main multinational body for guidance, oversight and decisions on all matters concerning MNCG.

Multinational CIMIC Group shall be prepared to deploy on order of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, to an area of

operations designated by SACEUR, for sustainment and rotation, for prolonged operations and to undertake combined, joint military operations across the operational spectrum. The role of the group is to engage in the civil and military cooperation giving full support to the NATO military Commander on the field.

The Multinational CIMIC Group can be tasked to:

- Intensify the involvement of civilian actors in a more comprehensive and integrated way into planning;
- Improve coherent application of NATO's own crisis management instruments and enhance practical cooperation at all levels with other actors, wherever appropriate, including provision for support to stabilization and reconstruction;
- Create and maintain close relationship and liaison with International Organizations (IOs) / Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- Ensure Reach Back Capability approach at all levels, and focuses on the mission preparation training requirements and effects based joint training.

The Coat of Arms



The coat of arms of the Multinational CIMIC Group, from 2002 to 2009 CIMIC Group South, was born from the collaboration with CIMIC Group North, now transformed in CIMIC Centre of Excellence (CCOE). The coats of arms of the two units were

originally similar in graphics and, in part, in the use of colors. Today at the top of the coat there is the inscription "Multinational CIMIC Group", below which appears a handshake, a gesture

electd as a symbol of humanitarian aid and cooperation. The green color expresses the hope that regiment must bring to civilian populations in crisis areas. The white and blue represent the colors of the robe (sari) of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the patron saint of the unit. The motto of MNCG is "Milites civisque alacriter" and refers to the goal of the Multinational CIMIC Group, which is to reduce the distance between the military and the civil sphere in a synergistic, rapid and voluntary.

Operations



MNCG operators are deployed in several parts of the world. Deployments include Balkans area, East, Middle East and Africa. MNCG soldiers are also deployed within the framework of EUNAVFORMED – Operation (in Rome HQs). MNCG is also capable of deploying Mobile Training

Team (MTT) when a country requests support in term of doctrine and education. Actually MTTs have been deployed to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iraq, Lebanon, Portugal, Ukraine, Turkey and the USA. The unit is also called to support the Italian homeland security operation

named “StradeSicure”.

Multinational CIMIC Group has, in addition, a unique capability called Remote CIMIC Support (RCS). Remote CIMIC Support is the ability to support CIMIC units, deployed in military operations, from the Motherland. This support is reflected in the analysis of the civil dimension of the Area of Interest, through a pool of experts included CIMIC Functional Specialists (CFS) and Subject Matter Experts (SME) from industries, universities and other agencies whose knowledge and expertise is spanning across all CIMIC areas of interest. This support is guaranteed by CIMIC operators trained over the years, through courses, tutorials and continuous deployments in Theatres of Operations.

Links with NATO



Multinational CIMIC Group (HQ) is a NATO Affirmed Force to SACEUR affiliated to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Power in Europe (SHAPE). SACEUR will give, on a case by case basis, operational control (OPCON) to its subordinate

Commanders with which MNCG will establish working relationship for training, evaluation, exercises or/and operations. Within this assignment, MNCG HQ and/or one of its earmarked units will be under the OPCON of a subordinate Commander, as soon as the state of readiness is declared in accordance with NATO procedures.

In case of Article 5 Operations, foreseen by the North Atlantic Treaty, MNCG HQ will be under the OPCON of SHAPE and its designated subordinate headquarters.

In NATO Non-Article 5 Crisis Response Operations, the MNCG HQ, or its elements, will be under the OPCON of the Force Commander in

accordance with the Force generation process.

The structure enables the Multinational CIMIC Group to operate under operational control of a Joint Force Command (JFC), a Joint Task Force or other appropriate force Commanders at operational level. The MNCG structure is designed to exercise command and control also over CIMIC Units belonging to other NATO Member States as well as from non-NATO nations and entities in accordance with direction and guidelines provided by the Coordinating Committee and as long as they comply with NATO Force Standards.

NATO will have the first priority on the use of MNCG when operational requirements arise. Moreover MNCG has two coordination links with both the JFCs (Brunssum and Naples), in term of training and exercises.

Multinational CIMIC Group is also a constant contributor for the NATO Response Force (NRF). The NATO Response Force is a high readiness force comprising Land, Air, Sea and Special Forces units capable of being deployed quickly on operations wherever needed. The purpose of the NRF is to provide a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to support NATO missions as required.

Training & Education



MNCG provides CIMIC training and education at the Operational and Tactical levels for military personnel and civilians, to enhance the CIMIC capabilities of Multinational CIMIC Group soldiers, participating nations

representatives, cooperating nations members and other organizations personnel interested in the matter.

MNCG run training and educational activities, both individual and collective. The educational bid includes 9 courses that can be accessed by both military and civilian personnel, from Participating Nations and other nationalities. Courses are delivered by subject matter experts and experienced

instructors and comprise formal lectures, panel discussions and syndicate works. The courses are:

- CIMIC Orientation Course (COC), supported by an Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) session as appropriate;
- Female Engagement Course (FEC);
- CIMIC Tactical Operator Course (CTOC);
- NATO CIMIC Field Worker Course (NCFWC) and NATO CIMIC Staff Worker Course (NCSWC), supported by an ADL session as appropriate;
- CIMIC Liaison Course (CLC);
- CIMIC Intercultural & Advanced Liaison (CAIL);
- CIMIC Functional Specialist Course (CFSC);
- CIMIC Mission Specific Preparation Course (CMSPC).

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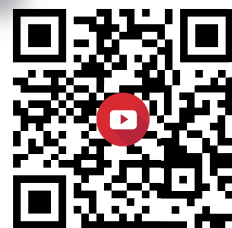


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