

C-IED COE hosted the 10th NATO Annual C-IED Conference - “Transforming NATO C-IED into the new operational environment”

Organized by the C-IED COE on behalf of NATO Allied Transformation Command, the 10th NATO Annual C-IED Conference took place in Madrid 24-26 June 2015. The Conference reflected upon changes and trends in the operational environment, the capabilities available to tackle the C-IED threat, and the gaps between both of them. To address these issues, over 100 attendees took part in the discussions, coming from 23 countries (both NATO members and partners) and international organizations and belonging to the Armed Forces, law enforcement agencies and academia. The conference activities comprised lectures, panels and syndicate work sessions. Acknowledged experts from various C-IED-related fields provided their inputs as lecturers and moderators in the conference.

The programme included an overview of the situation in the different geographic regions, with a special emphasis on the evolution of the environment in which NATO forces operate. Different approaches to capability building were examined and improvement areas identified. An analysis on the way ahead, referred mainly to future challenges in C-IED tasks, in capacity building, and in training and exercises, paved the way to draw some conclusions. A report on them will be distributed to the C-IED COE’s Community of Interest.

The agenda of the event covered the following subjects and aspects. First morning, in the classified session related with Intel Threat Brief, there were an “Opening the Attack The Network Aperture”, followed by an “IED Global Threat update”, “Resolute Support Mission (AFG) update”, “Iraq update”, “Syria update”, ending with a presentation about “North Africa threat”. In the afternoon, the unclassified session started with presentations about blue forces, covering “UN update”, “Current NATO operations update”, “Irish IEDD training” and “C-IED Capability Monitor Briefing (MC update)”. The day ended with a social event.

The second day presentations (unclassified) started with the group covering different gaps. First was “Discipline Conference Back brief”, followed by “HNAT conference”, “Deployable Level 2”, “JALLC Study”, “CENTCOM update”, “Asia Pacific Fusion Overview” and “C-IED future challenges”. The afternoon was devoted to breakout sessions exploring the way ahead (C-IED Implied tasks arising from strategic inputs, Defense Capability Building Mission Analysis and Training and Exercise Analysis).

Last morning presentations were a “Panel summary and back brief” related to breakout sessions and a “Way ahead open discussion”.