

European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE)

Helsinki (FIN)

“Hybrid by name, hybrid by nature”



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HAZARD Final Conference

Tallinn, Estonia, 15 March 2019

The Changing Character of Peace?

Old methods, new ways in new times

- **Changing world order**
- **Technological revolution**
- **Change in Media landscape**
- **Generation change and interpretation of history**
- **Network based action**
- **Modern conflict**

State and Non-State actors challenge balance of power, (power of the weak = when other means not available, credible or efficient enough)



Democratic states on defence – why?

Our assets = Western values

- Democracy
- Democratic institutions
- Human rights
- Market economy
- Freedom of speech
- Free media
- Civil society
- Rule of Law
- Trust to State structures and authorities



Hybrid threat is a **Western concept** to describe 21st century security challenge

- Hybrid threat can be characterised as **coordinated and synchronised action**, that deliberately targets democratic states' and institutions systemic vulnerabilities, through a wide range of means.
- Activities **exploit the thresholds** of detection and attribution as well as the borders between war/peace, civil/military, friend/enemy, public/private, internal/external etc
- The aim is **to influence decision making** at the local (regional), state, or institutional level to favour and/or gain the agent's strategic goals while undermining and/or hurting the target.



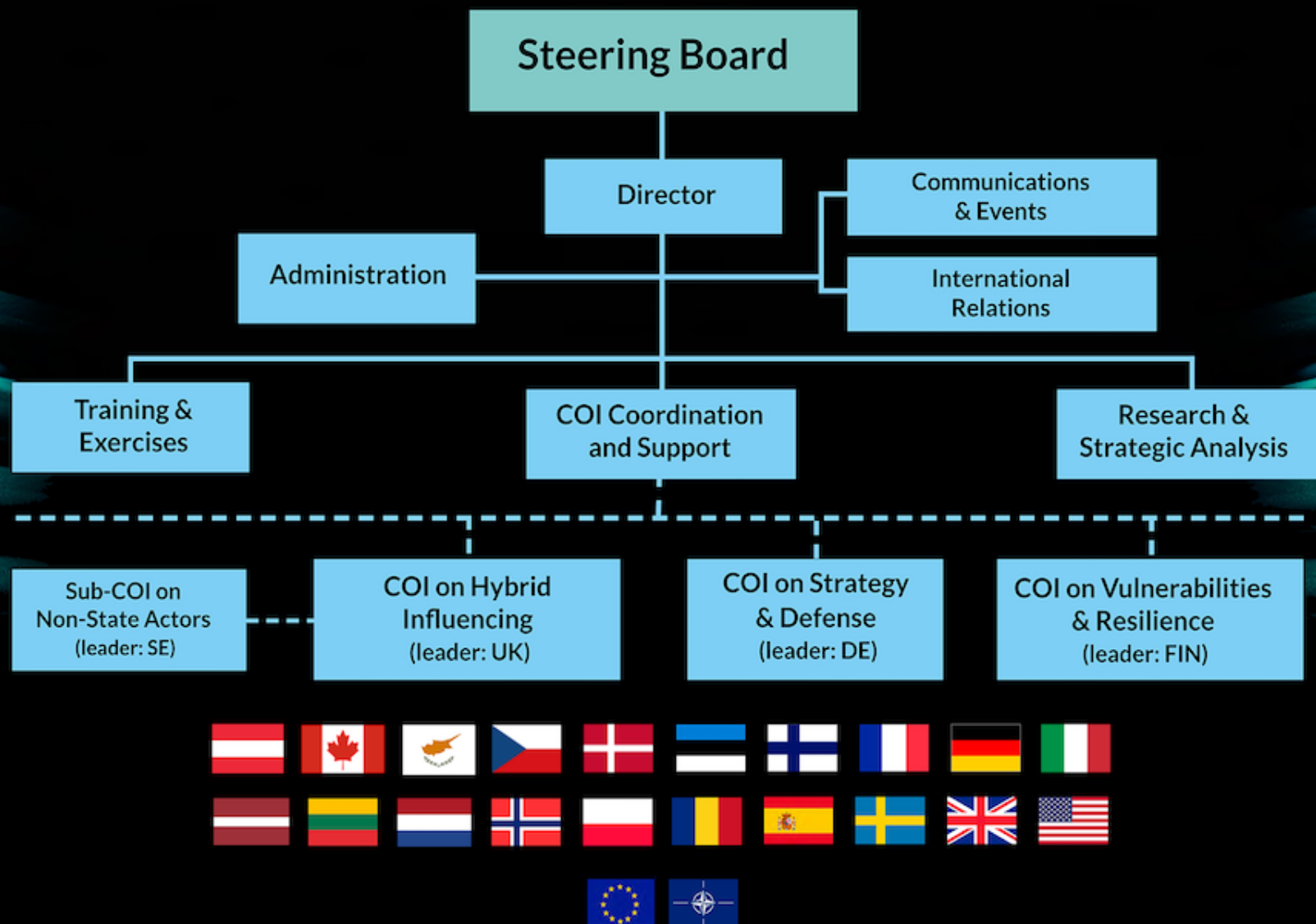


Joint Framework on Countering Hybrid Threats in 2016 /supported by Common set of proposals for the implementation of the Joint EU/NATO Declaration



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COI Vulnerabilities and Resilience 2018

Kick-starts:

- Legal Resilience
- Maritime Working Strand
- Drones
- Energy

**381 PARTICIPANTS
FROM 16 MEMBER
STATES, EU AND NATO**

Workshops:

- Legal resilience
- Harbor protection under Hybrid Threat Conditions (EDA, Brussels)
- Hybrid threats and sea lanes of communication/Shipping (Hamburg with German MoD and Helmut Schmidt Defense University)
- Drones (Warsaw)
- Hybrid threats and energy supply networks (Brussels)

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Legal Resilience



Only security-cleared officials in the Workshop. Topics:

- Sudden heavy attack against Critical Infrastructure
- Holdings of Critical Infrastructure
- Dual Citizenships



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Maritime Security

- Hybrid actors might target ships, their control mechanisms and navigational systems with electronic interference or cyber-attacks
- Insurance policies typically contain a disclaimer against any cyber-related accidents
- Anti-Access and Area Denial operations as well as underwater weapons pose threats that need to be prepared for
- Member states and institutions should enhance their joint preparedness for counter-measures and attribution



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Strands of activity 2019

- EU-NATO Civil emergency response capabilities
- Legal resilience vs disinformation (Helsinki 24-25 April)
- Legal Resilience Conference (Exeter 8-10 April)
- WG Baltic Sea lanes of Communication (28-29 May, place tbc)
- Cyber and Finance sector (Autumn)
- National pilot projects on Private sector and Health:
- Subsea cables (TBC)

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Key take-aways

- All have vulnerabilities and weak spots – what are yours?
- Rational and intellectually honest analysis is required
- Cornerstones of democracy challenged: elections in special focus; freedom of speech, rule of law
- Comprehensive All-govt – inter-institutional approach vital; Hybrid CoE as a catalyst
- Demand for joint actions, joint training and beyond borders cooperation
- Dialogue and public-private cooperation is essential – raise awareness



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