

Factsheet



Background

NATO's Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) was established on October 23, 2003, in Stavanger, Norway, subordinate to Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, in Norfolk, Virginia, the United States. The Centre attained full operational capability in 2006.

Organization

The JWC's workforce comprises NATO International Civilians and military posts from the following 18 NATO member nations: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Mission

The JWC is NATO's training focal point for full-spectrum joint operational- and strategic-level warfare. Its key outputs are twofold:

- **Collective Training and Exercises:** Delivering NATO's largest and most complex computer-assisted command post exercises at the operational and strategic levels, the Centre supports both collective defence (Article 5) and crisis response operations (non-Article 5), ensuring a high standard of preparedness.
- **Warfare Development:** Serving as a hub for warfare development, the JWC ensures adherence to joint operational doctrine and standards, fosters experimentation, and supports the implementation of NATO's lessons learned process.

Vision

"To support the Alliance in being prepared for the threats of tomorrow, we will propel NATO's crisis response and warfighting concepts into readiness by delivering challenging, technologically integrated and multi-domain operational and strategic exercises and training events. We will always integrate innovation and experimentation in order to find new ways and be bold in executing our mission. In this way, we ensure the Alliance maintains superior decision-making capabilities and further develops its warfighting advantage."

Mission Values

- **Adaptability:** With a firm footing in doctrine but also a vigilant eye on the future, we maintain a dynamic balance between current expertise and responsiveness. Our adaptability is a key strength as we strive to support NATO's continuous preparation for evolving threats. We analyse, respond and always move forward.
- **Collaboration:** We commit to deepening our partnerships with military, academic and civilian entities across the Alliance. These synergies enrich our own professional development, strengthening our high-quality training and contribution to NATO's warfare development. Our collaborative "One Team" spirit promotes interdisciplinary cooperation and open communication, ensuring a powerful, unified approach to warfare and readiness.
- **Excellence:** Our dedication to excellence manifests in rigorous standards, continuous improvement and an uncompromising commitment to delivering quality with impact. We engage with a single aim: training NATO forces to excel in their readiness and preparedness.