

Federated Mission Networking

and how it is governed in NATO

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I. INTRODUCTION

During the mission in Afghanistan, NATO encountered interoperability issues when sharing information between NATO and Partner technology. To overcome these issues, NATO developed and implemented the Afghanistan Mission Network. This became the catalyst for the Federated Mission Networking (FMN) Framework.

II. OBJECTIVE

Federating the mission networks into a single structure can only happen with trust and willingness. The aim of the FMN concept is to provide overarching guidance for the establishment of a framework that will enable the rapid instantiation of mission networks on Day Zero of an operation by federating NATO, NATO Nations and/or Mission Partner capabilities. FMN is a key contributor to NATO's Connected Forces Initiative, a 2012 Chicago Summit decision, which in turn is essential to NATO's Strategic Goal to support increased operational effectiveness.

III. CONCLUSION

FMN is helping NATO Allies and Partner Forces to better communicate, train and operate together.