

Multinational Ammunition Warehousing Initiative (MAWI)

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Participants



What is MAWI?

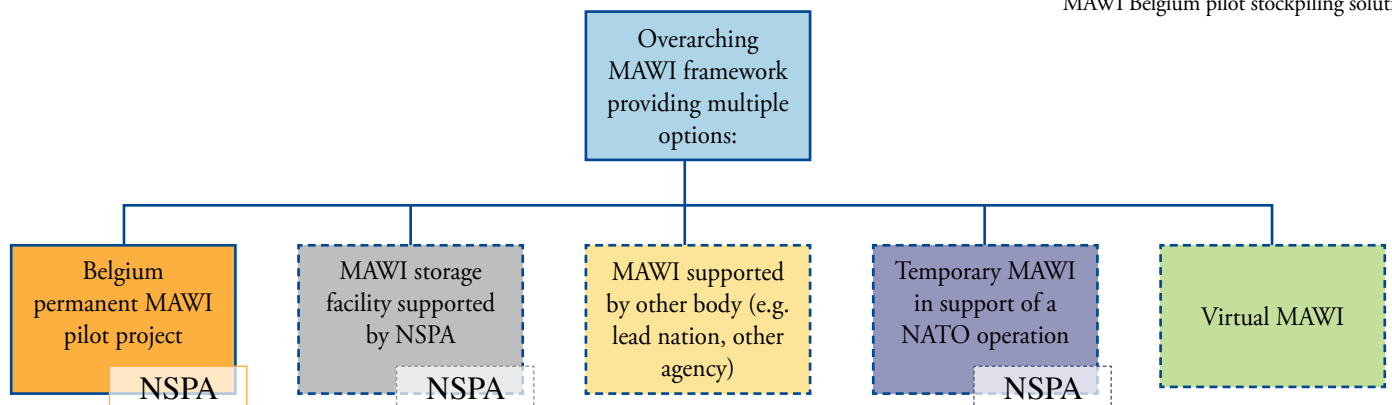
The Multinational Ammunition Warehousing Initiative (MAWI) is a High Visibility Project² intended to provide its participants with a scalable, expandable and flexible solution for multinationally stockpiling munitions. This initiative is particularly relevant within the context of NATO's three existing battle decisive munitions (BDM) High Visibility Projects.³

Based on a Belgian initiative, a group of Allies and partners thoroughly explored the feasibility and practicalities associated with creating various types of multinational solutions for warehousing munitions underneath a single set of operational principles. The MAWI framework was then formally established through the signature of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) by participants' Defence Ministers in the margins of the NATO Summit in June 2021.



MAWI Belgium pilot stockpiling solution

Indicative overview how MAWI can support flexible stockpiling solutions

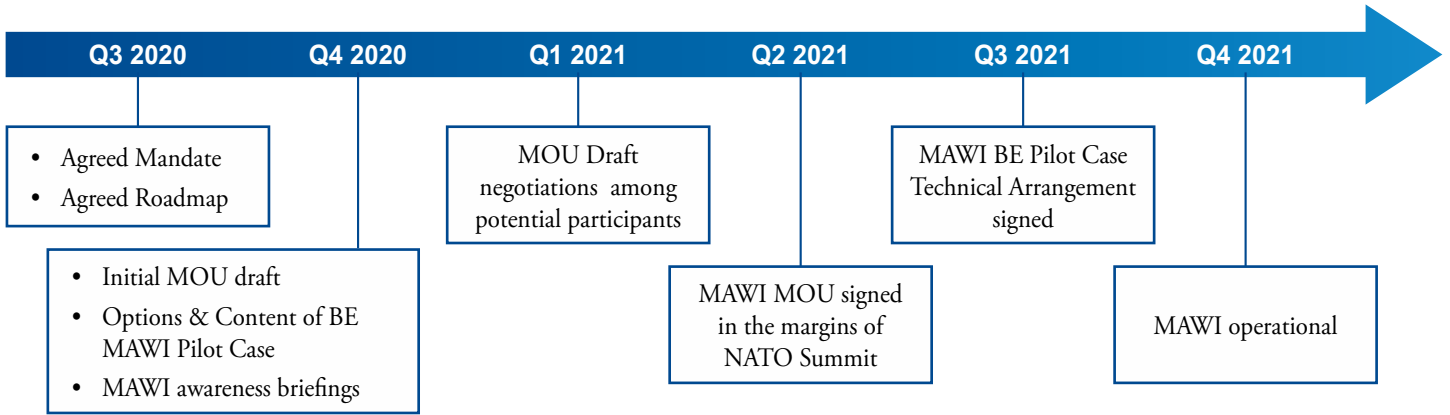


MAWI Belgium pilot stockpiling solution

Belgium initiated work on creating the pilot permanent MAWI stockpiling solution in support of acquisition under the Air Battle Decisive Munitions (ABDM) framework. This work is being pursued in close cooperation with the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) with the ambition to open this multinational pilot facility before the end of 2021.

1 Initial non-binding document outlining participants' will to explore the area in question further.
 2 Multinational initiative tailored to address key capability areas, usually launched at Defence Ministers' level.
 3 Air Battle Decisive Munitions (ABDM), Land Battle Decisive Munitions (LBDM), Maritime Battle Decisive Munitions (MBDM).

Roadmap



Why is it important for other nations to join?

The addition of nations to the MAWI project has a wide share of benefits for existing and new participants, including:

- Access to a scalable, multinational warehousing framework as envisioned within the **three NATO BDM** High Visibility Projects. The importance and benefits of these projects and supporting activities are recognised in the **NATO Defence Planning Process**.
- Significant benefits from the coherence of **one single overarching legal framework**, while being able to **fully customise individual multinational ammunition warehousing solutions** toward specific national requirements.
- Maintenance of absolute autonomy for determining and adjusting, over time, the degree of individual utilisation. This means that there are **no up-front financial obligations**.
- Expectation of incurring **significant cost reductions in ammunition storage**.
- Ability to **more effectively support NATO operations and deployments**, for example NATO's enhanced Forward Presence in the eastern part of the Alliance.

Did you know?

1. The MAWI High Visibility Project will serve as a direct enabler for NATO's three existing Battle Decisive Munitions (BDM) High Visibility Projects, complementing their focus on multinational acquisition by delivering multinational storage solutions.
2. One particularly promising application of MAWI facilities is in support of NATO operations where the composition of Allies contributing forces changes over time. Establishing and maintaining MAWI solutions in this context will reduce the costly requirement for deploying and removing munitions for every single new deployment cycle.

