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### The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package

The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) aims to strengthen Georgia's ability to defend itself and advance its preparations for NATO membership. The package is composed of defence and related security capacity building initiatives. It involves support for all military services and branches, advice and liaison at all levels (strategic, operational, tactical), capacity-building and training activities, and multinational exercises. As of early 2022, all NATO members and two partner countries have provided support to the implementation of the package in the form of expertise and resources.

#### **Intelligence Exchange and Secure Communications**

The Intelligence Exchange and Secure Communications Initiative is led by the Czech Republic and supported by Bulgaria and Slovenia. Launched in 2015, the Initiative seeks to upgrade Georgia's capabilities to exchange, manage, protect and store NATO classified information. A key outcome of these upgrades is the safe handling and two-way transfer of NATO and Georgian classified information in an electronic format, up to and including the SECRET level.



The establishment of Georgia's secure network includes the procurement of requisite equipment as well as the establishment of secure areas for this equipment, as well as for its technical operators and end users. It also includes organisational preparations such as training of personnel. Georgia's National Security Authority (for NATO Classified Information) with support from the NATO experts team has the overall lead in ensuring the National Communication Security Authority (NCSA), Security Accreditation Authority (SAA) and National Distribution Authority (NDA) are fully operational and appropriately staffed. Personnel working at these bodies will receive on-the-job training by the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA) in accordance with NATO standards. The procurement of equipment and establishment of the network is being carried out by NCIA with funding provided via the NATO-led Defence and Related Security Capability Building Trust Fund and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.



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