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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.

Military Engineering

The Military Engineering Initiative is one of 16 interrelated initiatives under the SNGP. Originally launched in 2015 as a Counter Mobility Initiative, today's Military Engineering Initiative aims to define military engineering capabilities, design a force structure to provide these capabilities and develop new operating concepts based on the threat, doctrine, technologies, materiel, personnel requirements and limited resources to support the Georgian Ministry of Defence's strategies in accordance with NATO standards.

A NATO experts team, led by Germany and supported by Turkey, partners with their respective Georgian counterparts to refine and advance the Initiative's implementation plan. With the support of resident advisors, the NATO experts team offers invaluable assistance in the development and execution of military engineering staff education and training, career field management and doctrine.



Within the military engineering development plan, the Georgian Ministry of Defence aims to develop capabilities that are fully interoperable with NATO, in line with NATO's framework of Doctrine, Organisation, Training, Materials, Leadership, Personnel, Facilities and Interoperability (DOTMLPF-I). The development of counter-mobility capabilities also fits within Georgia's emerging National Defence Strategy with a planning horizon of 2030. Started in 2020, the military engineering development plan establishes the foundation for a new military engineering force structure, which will serve as a baseline for further capacity developments of the Georgian Defence Forces.

Through NATO's Defence and Related Security Capacity Building Trust Fund, the Military Engineering Initiative will enable Georgian military engineering forces to educate and train their units and individual soldiers in demolition and explosive handling tasks within a safe and effective training environment. To that end, material is being acquired for two training facilities, where the Georgian forces and other Georgian agencies will be able to train and exercise in accordance with NATO's safety requirements. These training facilities will also be able to support multinational training events and exercises, including the preparation for potential future participation of Georgian military engineering forces in NATO-led or multinational operations and missions. The Trust Fund project is under execution and will be completed in 2022.

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