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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.

Special Operations Forces (SOF)

The Special Operations Forces (SOF) Initiative is one of 16 interrelated initiatives under the SNGP, which aims to develop NATO compatible Georgian Special Operations Forces capabilities in the land and maritime domains. To achieve these outcomes, a team of NATO experts is led by Poland and supported by Romania and Turkey.



In addition to support from a NATO experts team, the Initiative benefits from cooperation with the Multinational Special Operations Advisory Team (MSAT) of NATO's Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ). In support of the Initiative's end state, the NSHQ is working with its Georgian Special Operations Forces to further develop their capabilities in the land and maritime domains. In addition to the formal SNGP Initiative advisors, the NATO-led Multinational Special Operations Advisory Team includes representatives from the United Kingdom and the United States within its core team. The Team seeks to develop Georgian Special Operations Forces' organic force

generation and training capability to meet national requirements, as well as NATO standards. In line with the SNGP Initiative's end state, the NATO Special Operations Headquarters is providing assistance at the institutional level to expand and improve the Special Operations Training Center's schools, doctrine, curricula and study materials to further increase interoperability with NATO. To this end, the NSHQ supports the Georgian Special Operations Training Center's goal to establish a formal relationship with the NATO Special Operations School.

In 2020 and 2021, Georgian Special Operations Forces conducted coalition Special Operations Forces training events at home and abroad with the support of international partners. In addition to a wide range of bilateral and multinational exchanges and exercises, similar events will be executed during the triennial NATO-Georgia Exercise 2022, with a goal to train and certify elements of Georgian SOF as combat ready and capable of contributing to NATO missions, if requested.

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