The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) is a set of initiatives endorsed at the September 2014 Wales Summit, aimed at strengthening Georgia’s defence capabilities and developing closer security cooperation and interoperability with NATO Members. As of February 2016, some 20 NATO Allies and partner states have provided support to the implementation of the package in the form of expertise and resources.

The SNGP comprises support at the strategic, tactical and operational levels across 13 areas: 1) Acquisition; 2) Strategic Operational Planning; 3) Special Operations Forces; 4) Military Police; 5) Cyber Defence; 6) Maritime Security; 7) Strategic Communications; 8) a Joint Training and Evaluation Centre; 9) Logistic Capability; 10) Intelligence and Communications; 11) a Defence Institution Building School; 12) Aviation and Air Defence and 13) NATO-Georgia Exercises in Georgia open to partners.

Each of these areas of support are managed by Project Team Leaders and experts from Allied nations, who work with Georgian counterparts in the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces, Ministry of Internal Affairs and other related ministries and institutions.
NATO-Georgia Joint Training and Evaluation Centre (JTEC)

The NATO-Georgia Joint Training and Evaluation Centre was inaugurated on 27 August 2015 by Georgian leaders and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, at its new headquarters in Krtsanisi. It is now part of Georgia’s Training and Military Education Command.

The JTEC is based on Georgian and regional needs and is complementary to existing training programmes, policies and doctrines. The JTEC will offer tactical training and evaluation and contribute to the development of Georgia’s command and leadership philosophy. The JTEC will also enhance regional security cooperation, offering unique training opportunities to NATO and its partners.

Training of the first Georgian company at the JTEC is expected to start in May 2016. The JTEC will also help facilitate all joint exercises between troops from Georgia, NATO and partner nations.

Defence Institution Building School

The Georgian Defence Institution Building School, which will start offering courses later this year, will offer professional development programmes and quality training to support institutional reforms and good governance of the security sector, including the civil service.

It will build on training currently offered through the Defence Ministry’s Professional Development Centre, under the auspices of the National Defence Academy, as well as NATO-supported capacity building programmes.

Exercises

In July 2015 Exercise Agile Spirit was held - the first NATO-Georgia military exercise open to partners. More such NATO Georgia exercises are being planned for the future.