At the Wales Summit, NATO-Ukraine Commission (NUC) Heads of State and Government identified Logistics & Standardization as one of the key areas for developing practical cooperation with Ukraine.

A NATO Trust Fund project in this area has subsequently been defined with objectives to support the on-going Reform of the Ukraine Logistics and Standardization systems for the Ukrainian Armed Forces as well as other national military formations, including the National Guard and the State Border Security Service as appropriate.

The project builds on the findings of the Strategy Level Gap Analysis, conducted by the NATO Liaison Office in the course of 2015. It complements and is aligned with other NATO activities performed in these areas such as those under the PARP Process or the NATO-Ukraine Joint Group, as well as with change activities efforts implemented under the Ukrainian National Defence Reform Council.

Over the course of 3 years, the project aims will be achieved through the implementation of 3 capability driven initiatives in support of long term developments:

- Initiative 2: Supply Chain Management Capability Improvement.
- Initiative 3: Standardization Management Capability Improvement

The project is one of NATO’s principal vehicles for meeting the objectives in the areas of logistics, standardization and codification under the Comprehensive Assistance Package [to be] launched at the NUC Summit meeting in Warsaw.

Milestones

- 04 September 2014 - Wales Summit Statement to initiate the Trust Fund
- 09 February 2015 - Trust Fund scoping start
- 31 July 2015 - Entry into force of UKR – NSPO overall legal framework
- 18 September 2015 - Entry into force of UKR – NSPO specific legal framework
- 05 October 2015 - Project Proposal Presentation to PCSC
- October 2015 - Project Start (duration 3 years)

Financial information

- Estimated budget 4.100,000 EUR
- Gap to estimated budget 2.850,000 EUR
Codification Capability Enhancement

The NATO Codification System (NCS) enables national equipment components and parts of the military supply systems to be uniformly named, described, classified, and assigned a NATO Stock Number.

Project Goals:
- to support the transition to full operational capability of a provided NCS by November 2016;
- to support the NCS certification as Tier 2, e.g. being in a position to exchange NATO codified data with the other member nations of the NATO Allied Committee 135 (AC/135) by November 2017; and
- to maintain its enhanced codification capability until August 2018.

Achievements-to-date:
- Contracts for the provision and certification of NATO Codification Software awarded
- Over 80% of hardware and software delivered
- Germany, Denmark and Bulgaria signed MOU with Ukraine on Codification support

Supply Chain Management Capability Improvement

A performant Supply Chain Management is key to time savings, cost-efficient inventories, accurate operational picture and accountability.

Project Goals:
- to support enhancing logistics performance by testing improvements to the logistics supply chain on a small scale, focusing on
- improved and modernized Supply Chain Command & Control System (C2S), warehouse management, and materiel distribution & (re)supply, in order
- to provide Ukraine with a baseline and a model for future replication across the integrated logistics system

Achievements-to-date:
- Operational level Gap Analysis completed
- Android based system for processing individual materiel requests delivered, follow-on Operation and Maintenance Support to be provided
- Synchronisation of activities with other international donors

Standardization Management Capability Improvement

Standardization is a key enabler of interoperability within the Alliance, as well as in cooperation with Partner Nations, by improving efficiency in the use of available resources, strengthening Alliance Defence capabilities and enhancing Alliance’s operational effectiveness.

Project Goal:
- to support the implementation of a centralised standardization management system allowing Ukraine to pursue her objective of adopting NATO Standards by 2020 and their management afterward
- to complement assistance, training and advice provided to the Ukrainian standardization community by the NATO Standardization Office (NSO), NSPA and the NATO Representation in Kyiv

Achievements-to-date:
- 50 Ukrainians currently benefitting from English Learning Training Courses;
- 120 experts have already benefited from specific training and education activities; and
- audit of the current standardization management system underway in order to define the requirements for the new system;

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