

NATO CIMIC Basics



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Civil-military Cooperation (CIMIC) – A military joint function that integrates the understanding of the civil factors of the operating environment and that enables, facilitates and conducts civil-military interaction to support the accomplishment of missions and military strategic objectives in peacetime, crisis and conflict.

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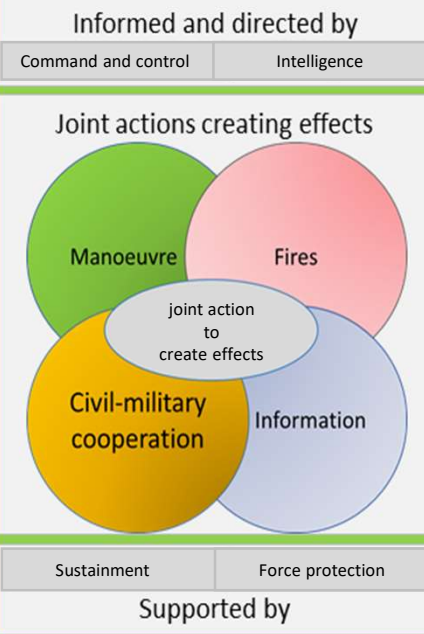
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Joint function CIMIC

Core activities

Joint function framework



“The joint functions framework assists commanders to integrate political, military and civil actions through the operational domains.”

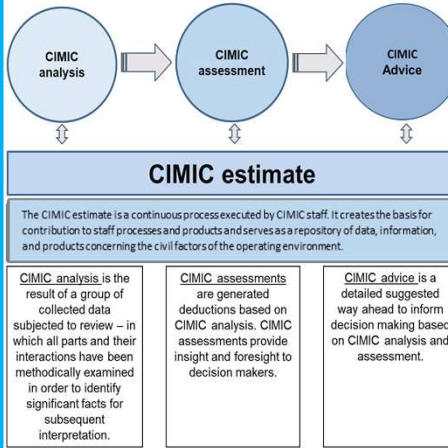
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Multi-domain operations (MDO)

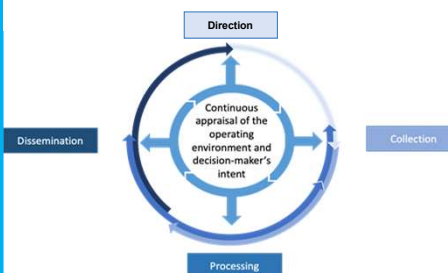
The orchestration of military activities across all operational domains and environments, synchronised with non-military activities to enable the Alliance to create converging effects at the speed of relevance.

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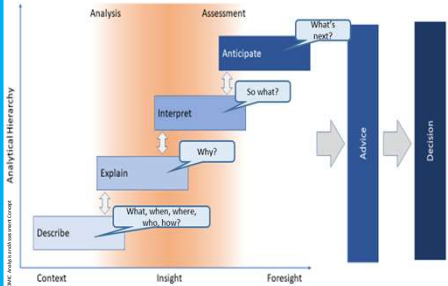
Civil factor integration



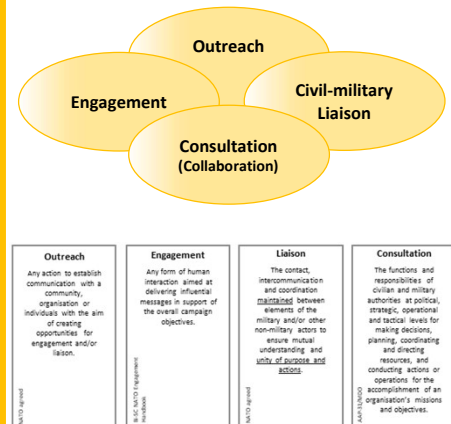
CIMIC Analysis and Assessment Workflow



CIMIC Analytic Spectrum



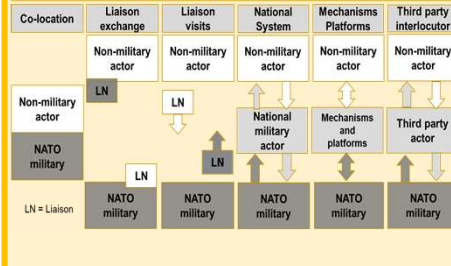
Civil-military interaction



Levels of interaction

- Integration:** Process of operating together to attain a unified end state
- Cooperation:** Process of acting together for mutual benefit
- Coordination:** Process of bringing together different elements of a complex activity or organisation into an efficient relationship
- De-confliction:** Process of avoiding undesirable interference among actors
- Consultation:** Seeks the opinion or advice of other actors, which may include exchange of information and discussion
- Coexistence:** The state or condition of existing at the same time or in the same place

Civil-military liaison arrangements



Key tenets for CIMIC

Comprehensive approach: Combining all available political, military and civilian capabilities, in a concerted effort to attain the desired end state.

Behaviour centric approach: Focuses planning and execution of activities of all levels of operations to influence the attitudes and behaviour of targeted audiences to attain the end state.

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NATO CIMIC Standards

MC 411/3 (Draft) NATO POLICY ON CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION AND CIVIL-MILITARY INTERACTION
AJP 3.19 (Draft) CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION
Bi-SC 086-003 CIMIC AND CMI DIRECTIVE
ACO AM 086-001 CIMIC TTP
ACO CIMIC Functional Planning Guide
Joint Task Force Headquarters SOP 305 CIMIC