CONCEPTUALISING DIGITAL CAPABILITY

Digital capability is a key enabler for NATO's core tasks, and successful digital capability development will be essential for the future success of the alliance. However, our analysis reveals a lack of universally accepted definitions, particularly between defence and non-defence stakeholders.

CORE DEFINITIONS

Digital: The integration of digital technologies in military capability and organisational frameworks. This includes:



Traditional IT



Communications & information systems



Cyber defence



Data

Digital interoperability



Emerging and disruptive technologies

Capability: The ability to create an effect through an integrated set of aspects:



Doctrine



Organisation



Training



Materiel



Leadership development



Personnel



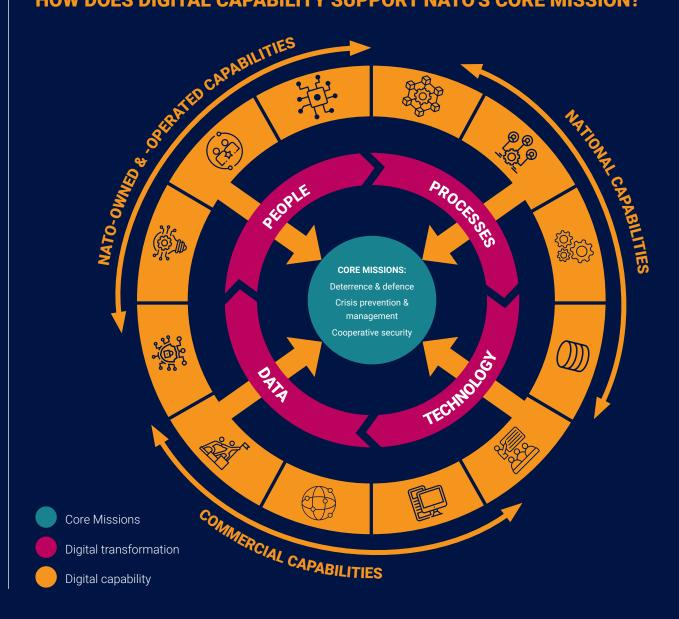
Facilities



Interoperability

Digital transformation: NATO views digital transformation as a continuous and iterative process to develop the next generation of digital capabilities, while remaining adaptable to innovation across the alliance.

HOW DOES DIGITAL CAPABILITY SUPPORT NATO'S CORE MISSION?





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