



Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, Chairman of the Military Committee visits Belgrade, Oct 2018



President Vucic visits NATO HQ Brussels, Nov 2017



## NATO MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE BELGRADE



NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg visits Belgrade, Oct 2018



NATO Deputy Secretary General meets Serbian Minister of Defence, 12 October 2017

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a political and military alliance of twenty nine countries that promotes peace, helps to manage the resolution of international crises and encourages cooperation on issues of defense and security.

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Inauguration of the MLO Belgrade, Dec 2006

## NATO MLO BELGRADE – MISSION/TASKS

Besides its main function of being a link between NATO and Serbian institutions, the MLO Be also monitors, assists and advises the Serbian authorities on the military aspects of defence and security sector reforms which started with the establishment of the Serbia/ NATO Defense Reform Group (DRG) in February 2006 and further expanded and became more institutionalized when Serbia joined NATO's PfP Planning and Review Process in 2007. The mission of the MLO is focused on supporting Serbia's enhanced participation in various Partnership for Peace (PfP) activities and programmes, such as the Operational Capability Concept (OCC), Building Integrity Programme (BI), NATO Trust Funds (NTF), Science for Peace and Security (SPS), Defence Education Enhancement Programme (DEEP), International Partnership Cooperation Programme (IPCP) and Defence and Related Capacity Building Initiative (DCB). Since 2015, MLO Belgrade has in particular been focused on the implementation of the goals defined in the Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP) as the widest and most important form of NATO-Serbia cooperation. MLO Belgrade is to support the realization of NATO priorities in the region, with respect to public diplomacy, political and military reforms and political dialogue.

MLO Belgrade assists the Serbian Armed Forces in conducting the Planning and Review Process (PARP), a mechanism which raises interoperability with multinational forces. By implementing its Partnership Goals (PG), Serbia is improving its defence capability and building up modern Armed Forces.

Furthermore, MLO Belgrade supports the Ministry of Defence and Serbian Armed Forces in conducting its International Partnership Cooperation Program (IPCP). Within IPCP, in 2018 Serbia cooperated in 87 activities across 19 areas of cooperation with NATO. In 2019 Serbia plans to conduct 80 activities in 19 areas of cooperation.

Serbia hosted two major activities in 2018: REGEX 18 – a multinational exercise with regional partners and EADRCC "Srbija 2018" – a civil emergency management exercise.



NATO DSG Goettemoller meets with Serbian Defense Minister Aleksandar Vulin, Oct 2017

## NATO MLO BELGRADE – IN SHORT

The establishment of NATO Military Liaison Office Belgrade (MLO Be) was agreed by the North Atlantic Council on Feb 7, 2006, and formally accepted by the Serbian side on Nov 7, 2006. MLO Be was opened soon after and the office has since been located inside the Serbian Ministry of Defense, acting as a vital contact and liaison point between NATO headquarters and institutions and the Serbian Ministry of Defence.

MLO Belgrade is directly subordinated to NATO Joint Forces Command Naples and the Chief MLO Belgrade, currently BG Cesare Marinelli (ITA-A), acts as a representative of the Commander of JFC NP and JFC's focal point for military issues in Serbia. Chief NATO MLO also supports Commander KFOR in KFOR's mission and maintains an active exchange of information, as well as EUFOR in areas where NATO and EUFOR cooperate under existing mutual support agreements. MLO liaises directly with Serbian military authorities, other relevant authorities and coordinates and cooperates with other international organizations.

## NATO MLO – FUNCTIONAL LINKS

MLO Belgrade continues to assist Serbia in improving its scientific research capabilities through the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme, which has been successfully used since 2007. So far, 42 SPS projects have been accomplished by Serbian scientific institutions.

MLO Belgrade has established and maintains great cooperation with a wide network of local and regional non-governmental organizations and the media.



Chief MLO Belgrade meets with Serbian President Vucic, Nov 2017

