



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg visits Serbia, 20 Oct 2018



The President of the Republic of Serbia and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at NATO HQ, 15 Nov 2017

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NATO – SERBIA COOPERATION

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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The SPS Programme is NATO's policy tool open to all Allies and partners that enhances cooperation and dialogue. It is based on scientific research, innovation, and knowledge exchange, and provides funding, expert advice, and support to security-relevant activities jointly developed by a NATO member and partner country.

The Ministry of Education, Science & Technology Development is the leading institution that maintains links with NATO SPS authorities supported by the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and by the MLO.

NATO TRUST FUNDS (NTF) IN SERBIA

A project that NATO Allies and partners join together voluntarily to assist a country in addressing a particular challenge, providing direct support to some practical national needs.

- The 1st NTF project (Sep–Dec 2003) provided financial (app. €0.4 mn) and practical support for destroying 28,000 pcs of small arms and light weapons – lead nation: the Netherlands.
- The 2nd NTF project (Feb 2005–Jun 2007) worth €1.69 mn supported Serbia in safely removing 1.4 million anti-personnel landmines from its territory – lead nations: Canada and Austria.
- The 3rd NTF project (Dec 2005–Jun 2011) worth €5.9 mn, funded by 16 NATO Allies/partners, targeted retired SAFs members and their families by providing alternative livelihood, at the same time supporting local economic development in Serbia.
- The 4th NTF project started in May 2016 with the aim of helping Serbia build up its facilities at TRZ Kragujevac for safe disposal of approx. 2,000 tons of surplus and obsolete ammunition. The leading nation is the UK. The project also involves 10 other Allies and partners and pledges up to €3.7 mn in funds.

BUILDING INTEGRITY (BI) PROGRAMME

- A NATO tool that provides practical support by helping countries strengthen integrity, transparency, accountability, and reducing the risk of corruption in the defence and security sectors.
- Achieving gender equality and implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security is an important part of BI.
- The Ministry of Defence is the leading institution for implementing BI in Serbia.
- BI is recognized as one of the six priority IPAP areas.
- The BI will go on, and after successful implementation within MoD, it will expand to Mol and other state institutions.



NATO/PfP STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, SOFA

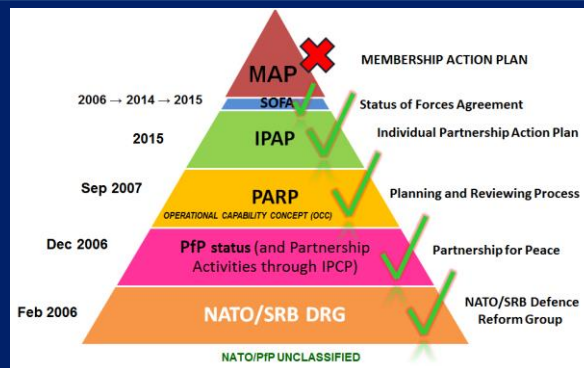
A standard multilateral agreement between NATO member states and PfP countries that deals with the status of the forces and individual personnel of one party while present on the territory of another state

Keywords are reciprocity and equality between partners
No state sovereignty is lost by joining SOFA

INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN, IPAP

The plan has been agreed in 2015 and represents the highest form of NATO-Serbia cooperation, which now goes beyond the military/defence field with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a leading institution.

The IPAP outlines a flexible framework and traces a path which allows the Serbian authorities to engage in much broader forms of cooperation with NATO and with individual NATO countries. It also provides a basis on which the activities of Serbian state institutions can be measured, by themselves, partners, or even by the NGOs.



PfP PLANNING AND REVIEW PROCESS, PARP

A NATO tool for measuring, comparing and steering the processes of defense sector reforms and developments in all PfP countries. Aimed at defense planning transparency, preparation and interoperability of units, and support in resource management
Partnership Goals are the central part of the PARP, proposed by NATO but accepted by the nation. While they vary in scope and size among the countries, they are proportional to national capabilities and needs

THE DEFENSE REFORM GROUP, DRG

Established in Feb 2006 together with MLO Be, the DRG remains the main institutional platform for NATO-Serbia dialogue in the defence reform field
Provides advice and assistance to the Serbian authorities on reforms and modernization of the Serbian Armed Forces and defence institutions

- 2003 • Belgrade formally applies for PfP membership
- 2006 • Serbia joins the Partnership for Peace (PfP)
• NATO opens a Military Liaison Office in Belgrade
- Serbia joins the PfP Planning and Review Process (PARP)
- 2007 • Serbia submits its PfP Presentation Document defining areas of cooperation with NATO
- 2008 • Serbia and NATO sign a Security Agreement
- First NATO/Serbia PARP Assessment – Initial Set of 19 Partnership Goals (PGs) agreed
- 2009 • National Assembly ratified the Security Agreement
• Serbia opens the Mission to NATO
- Serbia signs the Agreement on Affiliation to the NATO Codification System
- 2010 • PARP continues with an expanded list of now 42 PGs agreed
• Serbia commences with the evaluation of the units declared to NATO's Operational Capability Concept pool of forces
• Serbia submits the IPAP Presentation document expressing the will to further expand cooperation with NATO
- 2011 • Serbia hosts the NATO ACT Strategic Military Partnership Conference, one of the biggest annual NATO events
• Central Registry Office opened in Belgrade
- 2012 • The Serbian Mission to NATO chairs the NATO South East Security Steering Group
- 2013 • NATO/Serbia cooperation in the CBRN field receives the official recognition of SAF CBRN training Centre Krusevac as NATO's regional Partnership Training Centre (PTEC)
- Serbian Ministry of Defense obtains a NATO Tier-2 Codification Certificate allowing Serbia's institutions and its industry to independently codify the military equipment and arms according to NATO standards
- 2014 • IPAP approved by the Serbian Government
- IPAP approved by the North Atlantic Council
- 2015 • NATO-Serbia Status of Forces Agreement ratified
• Visit of the NATO Secretary General to Belgrade; Proclamation of full relaxation of the air safety zone
- Serbia and NATO Support and Procurement Agency signed Agreement on Logistic Support
- 2016 • Continuation of NATO-Serbia cooperation in science and technological development
- NATO Deputy Secretary General, Hon. Rose E. Gottemoeller visits Serbia and attends the inauguration ceremony of the President of Serbia
- 2017 • NATO MLO assisted medical training preparations for military personnel
- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg visits Serbia
- Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee visits Serbia
- 2018 • 18th EADRCC consequence management field exercise "SRBIJA 2018" was jointly organized by the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) and the Ministry of Interior of Serbia
• NATO multinational command-staff exercise "REGEX 18" held in Belgrade, as joint and combined training of military, civilian and police structures for participation in multinational peacekeeping operations under the mandate of the United Nations.