The need for CMDR
Crisis Management is one of the three NATO core tasks. Today the Alliance is able to take decisions in crisis and emergency, and to act under significant threat and time pressure. NATO develops capabilities to be ready, on a case-by-case basis and by consensus, to contribute to effective crisis and emergency prevention and to engage actively in crisis and emergency management, including with non-Article 5 Crisis Response Operations.

NATO’s role in crisis and disaster response goes beyond pure military actions, and includes Crisis and Disaster Response Operations aimed to prevent and protect populations and lifesaving systems against natural, technological, humanitarian emergencies and disasters.

NATO Summits Declarations and the Strategic Concept emphasize the need of enhancing Alliance contribution with a Comprehensive Approach to crisis management, based on the recognition that pure military intervention alone cannot resolve or help recovering after crises or disasters.

The enlargement of NATO contribution to the Euro-Atlantic security requires smart prioritization, specialization and cooperation with other major security players like EU and UN in the area of capability building, including enhanced and coordinated effort of sharing knowledge, analyses, best practices and lessons learned.

NATO, Nations and Partners closer cooperation in crisis and disaster response domain requires development of appropriate military and civilian capabilities for information sharing, for building common situational awareness with Early Warning and Alert Systems, for crisis and disaster response planning and operations.

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MAJOR PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

Crisis Management and Disaster Response Course
NATO Selected / JIA ET-2119
Aim: Acquisition of knowledge and skills of theoretical-applied basis for application of crisis and emergency management tools.
Target audience: OF-1/3 and civil equivalent experts.

CRO Planners Professional Development Course
NATO Selected / JIA ET-3319
Aim: Acquisition of new knowledge on NATO Crisis Management Process (NCMP), as well as theoretical and practical cognition in functioning of NATO Crisis Response System (NCRS).
Target audience: OF-3/5 and civil equivalent experts.

Strategic Decision Making for CRO Course
NATO Selected / JIA ET-4419
Aim: Achievement of comprehension and competences which enable applying solutions related to NATO Crisis Management.
Target audience: OF-4/6 and civil equivalent experts.

Disaster Management Course
Pilot Course
Aim: Acquisition of basic knowledge related to disasters as phenomenon, the disaster management process and its close relation to the risk management process.
Target audience: OF-2/5 and civil equivalent experts.

CMDR Interagency Interaction Seminar
Annual Seminar aims to promote ideas in a way that will advance the common understanding as well as gain points of view that might not have been otherwise considered. The CMDR COE Seminar is open to all NATO Nations and Partners, governmental, non-governmental and international organizations.

Climate Change Related Issues Seminar
Annual seminar conducted in cooperation with US EUCOM on climate change and their impact on military activities, building resiliency and decreasing vulnerability through climate change adaptation.

ADDED VALUE THROUGH PARTICIPATION

A NATO COE is Smart Defence in action and there are many benefits from joining the CMDR COE, but the principle reason to join would be the significant cost saving over maintaining your own national capabilities. Through joining us as a Sponsoring Nation of the COE, your nation will be able to realize many benefits, including the following:

Access to Multinational Expertise
Through membership of the COE, your nation will have access to the collective knowledge of the Centre, including the results of studies, COE products and lessons learned.

Direct Influence on COE’s Programme Of Work
The Programme of work is formed by requests for support from different NATO structures, other COEs and other national and international authorities. Member nations are able to shape the centre’s annual programme of work through the Centre’s steering committee. This gives you the opportunity to align the centre’s work with your national requirements and support your nation’s capability development.

Access to Education and Training
The Centre is providing free courses to member nations’ personnel, as well full access to all products and deliverables of the Centre. This is an additional mechanism for transferring knowledge for the benefit of your national projects.

Increased Interoperability in the Area of CMDR
Collaboration both multi-nationality and with industry and academia, is a fundamental aspect of all CMDR Products, increasing the inherent interoperability of all products through the daily interaction of multi-national subject matter experts.

Establishment
On 31st March 2015 the CMDR COE has earned status as the 21st NATO COE and its activation as a NATO Military Body with a granted international status under Article 14 of the Paris Protocol, as recommended by HQ SACT. The Centre will provide support to NATO transformation and to the enhancement of NATO capabilities in the field of Crisis Management and Disaster Response, thereby adding value.

Mission
To act as the catalyst for improvement of NATO, Nations and partners capabilities in crisis and disaster response operations through collaborative partnerships.

Functions
- Serve Nations, NATO and Partners’ long-term interests by combining efforts in support of capability development to prepare, predict, prevent and respond to crises and disasters;
- Facilitate the Comprehensive Approach and make the best use of combined experience and capabilities of all SNs and CPs;
- Contribute to doctrine and concept development or related documents in the CMDR area for NATO and Nations;
- Provide CMDR focused education and training at all level to individuals, units and teams;
- Provide MITT and SMEs to facilitate education and training of national and multinational military and civilian units;
- Provide a repository for International, National and NATO shared information; analysis and lessons learned.