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NSD-S HUB DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION



Dear Reader

I am delighted to introduce this first edition of the HUB Newsletter. We intend to make it a regular publication and to use it to keep you in touch with news and developments which relate to the HUB and its implementation. In this and future editions, we shall be reporting main activities performed by HUB Staff and leadership, activities where the HUB has provided its support, relevant documents favoring the HUB areas of focus such as cooperation, partnership and engagements. Whilst the majority of the material in this newsletter is inevitably from the HUB, we are keen to respond to the interests of our readers and look forward to your feedback and comments on this first edition using the contact address at NSD-SHUB@jfcnp.nato.int.

NSD-S HUB : Mission and Vision

NSD-S HUB : What is it.

The world faces a number of challenges and threats. Although NATO is no stranger to operating in Africa and the Middle East, operating in an area and understanding an area are two separate efforts. The Hub is a key element of developing that understanding

The Hub has been established in order to improve NATO's awareness and understanding of the opportunities and challenges from the South, while contributing to the overall coordination of NATO's activities and efforts.

The first steps in this development will be answering several questions: How will The Hub gather information? Where will this information come from? How will this information be analyzed? And finally, what do we do with the information after it is analyzed? The answers to these questions all revolve around one thing; relationships. The Hub will develop new relationships with International Organizations and non-NATO entities and strengthen established relationships with key stakeholders that already do great work in the focus areas.

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.DESCRIPTION OF NATO's STRATEGIC DIRECTION SOUTH HUB (NSD-S HUB} INSIGNIA



The NATO Strategic Direction - South Hub (NSD-S HUB) insignia has been designed to illustrate the core mission tenets that define the NSD-S. The insignia is round with the words "NATO Strategic Direction - South HUB" inscribed around the circle from the top to indicate the importance of the Hub within NATO. The NATO insignia is placed distinctly in the background to symbolize NATO's desire for understanding. Inside the circle predominantly sits the map of "the South." It brings to the forefront the general focus area of NSD-S as it is defined. There are no distinct borders placed because understanding opportunities requires the Hub the work outside of acknowledged boundaries and established conventional wisdom. At the heart of the insignia principally sits JFCNP.

NSD-S HUB Hosted NDC-NRCC 18 Course



Fifty-seven participants in the annual NATO Regional Cooperation Course 2018 (NRCC 18) visited the Allied Joint Force Command Naples Headquarters and the NSD-S Hub location. The NRCC is the Alliance's major educational outreach to our Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (Gulf) partners and other countries from the region. Participants are senior professionals from their countries: officers of the rank of Brigadier General, Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel and civilian officials and diplomats of equivalent rank from relevant ministries dealing with strategic security issues.

The participants were welcomed by JFC Naples Chief of Staff, Italian Army Lieutenant General Luciano Portolano, and the Hub Director, Italian Army Brigadier General Roberto Angius. During the visit, participants attended a series of comprehensive briefings including the Hub's main focus to connect with all actors across the wide spectrum of interest to establish a mutual information exchange in order to promote interoperability and to contribute to the regional development and collaboration within different fields of expertise as such as mass migration, terrorism, intelligence sharing, training and education

NSD-S HUB attended the 5th SHADE MED



Personnel from the NSDS-HUB attended the 5th edition of the Shared Awareness and De-confliction in the Mediterranean sea (SHADE Med) conference in Rome last week. Joint Force Command Naples Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations presence in the conference shows the relevance of this forum for NATO. It also demonstrates the close relationship between European Union and NATO for the framework for the South.

It was a great opportunity to increase the HUB understanding of the migration phenomenon in the Mare Nostrum and to start developing the network of relationships. These are two of the main objectives of the southern HUB, to share information about the current issues affecting the South and to develop the needed relationships to maintain the process on going, thus, facilitating the early detection of possible solutions.



To conclude, I would like to thank you and wish you and your family a happy holiday season, and a safe and successful new year!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roberto Angius".

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