About Us

The NATO Defense College Foundation was established in Rome in 2011. It grew out from a common intuition of the President Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo and the NATO Defense College top decision makers who understood the value of a non-profit NGO that could work beyond usual and institutional outreach, training, communication and scientific research activities

The Foundation is a unique combination of scientific freedom, private agility and institutional linkage. It builds upon the top level connections and operational experience in the Trans-Atlantic outreach towards the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Southern Mediterranean and West Asia

Our scientific research consists of several activities: Strategic Trends, Food for Thought, Papers, International Conferences, High-level Seminars, Advisory Panels, High-level Training and Webinars
Our Aim

The Washington Treaty states in the preamble (1949) “to promote the culture of stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area and in NATO partner nations …”

This heritage shapes our aim to meet the highest standards in contributing to the public debate and future deliberations on strategic, security and geopolitical issues.
How

We foster dialogue through education, research and outreach to tackle the challenges that we are confronting.

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Leadership

Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo
President

Lord Robertson of Port Ellen
Honorary President

Alessandro Politi
Director
The EU is a unique and essential partner for NATO. The two organisations share a majority of members, and all members of both organisations share common values (NATO Strategic Concept 2010).

The EU and NATO are already working together on strategic and security issues.

The Foundation has a solid expertise on European hi-tech, defence and hard/soft security matters.
What We Did (2018-2020)

Conferences
• Africa in Action.
• NATO versus the new global threats.
• Afghanistan and Central Asia: Advocating Resolute Support.
• Targeting the dematerialised Caliphate.
• Balkan perspectives
• NATO at 70. Refocusing for change?
• Arab Geopolitics after the Caliphate. How to exit the fragmentation trap.
• Confronting Criminal/Terrorist Threats. The reshaping of non-state actors.
• Space Strategies 2020. The critical dimension of space: new technologies, new threats (Webinar)

Publications
• The Western Balkans at a Crossroads.
• Arab Geopolitics.
• Africa in Action.
• NATO versus the new global threats.
• Afghanistan and Central Asia: Advocating Resolute Support.
• Targeting the dematerialised Caliphate.
• Shaping Security Horizons Strategic Trends (2012-19), only in e-book format.
• Arab Geopolitics after the Caliphate. How to exit the fragmentation trap.
• Confronting Criminal/Terrorist Threats. The reshaping of non-state actors.

Book Presentations
• (editor.) Francesco Semprini, Emergenza Libia, Rubbettino, Roma, 2016.
• James Pardew, Peacemakers, The University of Kentucky Press, Limestone, Kentucky, 2018.
NGO-IGO Collaboration

- Collaboration on the Atlantic Council report “More in the Med”.
- School on Terrorism (Spring/Autumn) (in collaboration with SIOI – The Italian Society for International Organization).
- The Middle East after Coronavirus (Joint webinar with EGIC – EU-Gulf Information Centre).
- Talk About Crude – Fluctuating Oil and Covid19 (Joint webinar with EGIC).
- Space Strategies 2020 - The critical dimension of space: new technologies, new threats (Joint High-Level Webinar with the NATO Defense College).

Books

**Some Numbers**

- **STRATEGIC TRENDS**: More than 600
- **BOOKS**: 18
- **PAPERS**: 26
- **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**: 40
- **BALKAN DISPATCH PRESS REVIEW**: 28
- **ARAB DISPATCH PRESS REVIEW**: 31
- **POL-MIL GAME**: 1
Strategic Trends

Strategic Trends are provided by area specialists, anticipating future developments on:

- Africa
- Balkans
- Central Asia
- China
- Eastern Europe
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Emerging Challenges (terrorism, organised crime, maritime security, cybersecurity, defence industry, lawfare)
- Gulf
- Levant
- Indo-Pacific
- Maghreb
- Russia & Caucasus
The Added Value

The Foundation builds upon the top level connections and operational experience in Trans-Atlantic outreach towards the Middle East, Southern Mediterranean and West Asia.

Our aim is to anticipate trends in foreign policy, defence and security.

We are outstanding among several think tanks due to our international connections.
Value for Money

The Foundation is money wise

We do not spend into frilly offices

We started as a fully networked virtual office start-up the Israeli way and we evolved into co-working

The virtual office experience helped us to switch smoothly to smart work during the pandemic
Global Politics, One Step Ahead

We deal with the diversity and complexity in the globalised world
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