



Emerging Security Challenges Division

Science for Peace and Security Programme

Multi-Year Projects Handbook

Eligible Countries and Definitions

NATO Countries

Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, the Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States

NATO Partners

Afghanistan*, Algeria*, Armenia*, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan*, Bahrain, Belarus*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Colombia*, Egypt*, Finland, Georgia*, Iraq*, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan*, Kazakhstan*, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic*, Malta, Mauritania*, Mongolia*, Morocco*, New Zealand, Pakistan*, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova*, Russian Federation¹, Serbia*, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan*, Tunisia*, Turkmenistan*, Ukraine*, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan*.

*Young researchers from NATO countries and from partner countries indicated with * are eligible for SPS-funded stipends; those from other partner countries are not eligible.*

Who can Apply

SPS Multi-Year Projects are collaborations between NATO country co-director(s)/experts who are nationals of and resident and employees in NATO nations, and Partner country co-director(s)/experts who are nationals of and resident and employees in NATO's partner countries.

Co-Directors

Project co-directors are the principal investigators (including the NPD and PPD) identified in the Project Plan. Co-directors develop and submit the application jointly and are each assigned their own budget. Once a project is approved, each co-director takes responsibility for the planning and progress of work performed at their institution, and all work together to ensure the success of the overall project. In general, a project will have a single co-director per institution. All co-directors must be affiliated with a government, academic, or other non-profit institution. For-profit private companies are not eligible for SPS funding.

NATO country Project Director (NPD)

The NPD is the primary co-director from a NATO country. There is one NPD per project. In addition to overseeing work at his or her institution, the NPD shares responsibility and authority with the PPD for the overall technical management of the project. The NPD and their institution will receive and manage all project funds, as described below, and the NPD retains ultimate responsibility and accountability for financial aspects of the project.

Partner country Project Director (PPD)

The PPD is the primary co-director from a partner country. There is one PPD per project. In addition to overseeing work at their institution, the PPD shares responsibility and authority with the NPD for the overall technical management of the project.

Participants

All people working on a Multi-Year Project, co-directors as well as students, post-doctoral researchers, further researchers at a given institute, and so forth.

End-User

End-users are entities interested in applying the results of the project. Depending on the nature of the project, end users could be (but are not limited to) government ministries, state organisations or regional authorities within a participating country, or private, commercial and/or industrial companies. The role of end-users is to help ensure that research and development carried out in the MYP is suitable for application beyond the laboratory.

Project Plan

The detailed application in which applicants fully describe their project, including objectives, milestones, tasks, budget, communications plan and so forth. An approved Project Plan forms an integral part of the terms and conditions of the SPS grant.

Independent Scientific Evaluation Group (ISEG)

The ISEG is an independent group of experts selected by NATO's nations who meet on a regular basis to evaluate proposals for new SPS activities. ISEG recommendations are communicated to the NATO Allies who make the final decision to fund or reject.

SPS Advisor

The staff member of the NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme responsible for the management of SPS activities. The SPS Advisor is the co-directors' primary contact in the SPS Office.

¹ Due to the 1 April 2014 decision of NATO foreign ministers to suspend all practical civilian and military cooperation between NATO and Russia, no Russian participation in SPS activities is allowed until further notice.