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What is Civil-military Cooperations?
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Key Insights

- Civil-military cooperation involves military forces working with civilian entities and populations to achieve shared goals in conflict, disaster, or peacetime. However, the concept is debated among scholars, with varying definitions, depending on who defines it. Nevertheless, civil-military

cooperation remains essential for addressing modern conflicts and hybrid threats. For NATO, the Civil-Military Cooperation Centre of Excellence (CCOE) in The Hague provides expertise in this field, focusing on training, education, and concept development. This cooperation is crucial for NATO missions, enhancing effectiveness through collaboration.

Definition

Civil-Military Cooperation: A wider set of interactions between civilian and military organisations in the theatre of military operations and peacetime alike.

The recent geopolitical landscape, particularly the Russian invasion of Ukraine, has necessitated a significant adaptation in NATO's understanding of civil-military cooperation.

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