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The PfPC mission is to serve as a consortium of defense academies and security studies institutes that foster cooperation and integration among the members of PfP and other partners. The chartered objectives of the PfPC are to strengthen defense, military, and security policy education, strengthen civilian and military leadership capabilities, enhance multinational education, extend the scope of educational cooperation, and increase the scope of the multinational research.

OUR VISION

Building Partner Nations Institutional Capacity

Foster Academic Excellence

Delivering Cost Effective Multinational Education

OUR CONTENT

• Strong network of military and civil academia
• Network of hundreds of voluntary subject matter experts in security policy issues
• Access to high-level civil and military leaders, academicians, as well as schools and libraries
• Endorsed by Heads of State and Government, NATO Summit Washington April 1999
  • Located in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Co-located with George C. Marshall Center)
  • A multinational operational staff of seven professionals

OUR PRODUCTS

• Reference curricula – approved by NATO, used by military academies for training and education (Counterinsurgency, Cybersecurity, Non-Commissioned Officer, etc.)
• An academic, peer-reviewed journal – “Connections” (Published quarterly, in English and Russian)
• And others, e.g., policy papers and recommendations

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**Who We Are**
The Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes (PfPC) is a multinational, voluntary, network of hundreds of academics who have a background in the defense and security sector. Since 1999, it has connected over 800 defense academies and security studies institutes across 60 countries, and the unique group of the Consortium’s stakeholders results in an organization that includes neutral and non-aligned countries, yet still works in cooperation with NATO’s PfP program.

**Our Process**
To produce this activity, the Consortium is organized into nine Working and Study Groups, which are either thematically or regionally focused, each led by a chairperson or academic co-chairpersons. These chairpersons, as well as national stakeholder representatives, convene in a working-level Consortium Steering Committee (CSC) to plan, synchronize, and fund activities through multinational partnership. A small Operations Staff provides day-to-day administrative support to the CSC and is based at the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The Operations Staff accepts activity and research proposals for the PfPC, which the CSC then considers. Meanwhile, senior national representatives at the flag officer level provide additional PfPC governance in a Senior Advisory Council (SAC), which meets twice, annually. These individuals represent the stakeholders who voluntarily provide the Consortium its primary financial and human resources: Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America, and NATO International Staff.

**What We Offer and Your Participation**
In many ways, the PfPC operates as an “applied academics” organization. For example, conferences yield policy recommendations, or act as track-two diplomatic forums. Working groups provide policy makers with historical research or forecasting. Meetings offer reform advice to institutional and government leaders, to include parliamentarians. An editorial board publishes a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal called Connections. A technical group helps participants incorporate learning management systems into their schools. An education-focused group assists with faculty development and also publishes reference curricula, several of which are approved by NATO. These curricula can be a starting point for professional military education course development. Notably, the PfPC and NATO co-founded the Defense Education Enhancement Program (DEEP) in 2007, which has grown to well over 10 participating countries and provides subject matter expert advice for new courses under development at military academies or war colleges. Annually, the PfPC organizes up to 70 DEEP and 30 conference events with nearly 1400 participants.

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.”
— ALBERT EINSTEIN