

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>NATO Science for Peace and Security Grant Mechanisms Advanced Research Workshop (ARW)</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	NATO member countries NATO partners including: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine
<b>Programme objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation on issues of common interest, including international efforts to meet emerging security challenges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Counter-Terrorism</li> <li>b) Energy Security</li> <li>c) Cyber Defence</li> <li>d) Defence against CBRN Agents</li> <li>e) Environmental Security</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Enhance support for NATO-led operations and missions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provision of civilian support through SPS Key Priorities;</li> <li>b) Provision of access to information through internet connectivity as in the SILK-Afghanistan Programme;</li> <li>c) Cultural and social aspects in military operations and missions;</li> <li>d) Enhancing cooperation with other international actors.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Enhance awareness on security developments including through early warning, with a view to preventing crises <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Security-related Advanced Technology: Emerging technologies including nanotechnology, optical technology, micro satellites, metallurgy and the development of UAV platforms. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Border and Port Security</li> <li>c) Mine and Unexploded Ordnance Detection and Clearance</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4) Human and Social Aspects of Security related to NATO's strategic objectives</li> <li>5) Any related project that is clearly linked to a threat of security not otherwise defined in these priorities may also be considered for funding under the SPS Programme. Such proposals will be examined for links to NATO's Strategic Objectives.</li> </ol>
<b>Programme description</b>	Advanced-level discussions among experts from different countries with the aim of addressing contemporary security challenges.
<b>Website and additional links</b>	<a href="http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/78209.htm">http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/78209.htm</a>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Overall budget</b>	N/A
<b>Maximum budget per candidate</b>	The SPS grant (average amount: 30k to 40k EUR) is intended to cover direct organisational expenses of the ARW, the travel and living expenses of key speakers, as well as the attendance of non-speakers from NATO countries and Partner countries unable to obtain support from other sources.
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:sps.info@hq.nato.int">sps.info@hq.nato.int</a>
<b>Who can candidate?</b>	Applications must be submitted jointly by a prospective co-director residing and working in a NATO country and one residing and working in a partner country. Individuals from for-profit private companies are not eligible.

<b>What are the requirements for applying?</b>	All activities funded under the SPS Programme must address the SPS Key Priorities and must have a clear link to security and to NATO's strategic objectives.
<b>Type of activity funded</b>	Research
<b>Link with ICT</b>	Direct
<b>Other useful information</b>	Target Audience: 20-50 participants, with the workshop preferably being held in the Partner country. Duration: 2-5 days