

Funding source	NATO Science for Peace and Security Grant Mechanisms Advanced Training Course (ATC)
Targeted countries	NATO member countries NATO partners including: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine
Programme objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation on issues of common interest, including international efforts to meet emerging security challenges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Counter-Terrorism b) Energy Security c) Cyber Defence d) Defence against CBRN Agents e) Environmental Security 2) Enhance support for NATO-led operations and missions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provision of civilian support through SPS Key Priorities; b) Provision of access to information through internet connectivity as in the SILK-Afghanistan Programme; c) Cultural and social aspects in military operations and missions; d) Enhancing cooperation with other international actors. 3) Enhance awareness on security developments including through early warning, with a view to preventing crises <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Security-related Advanced Technology: Emerging technologies including nanotechnology, optical technology, micro satellites, metallurgy and the development of UAV platforms. b) Border and Port Security c) Mine and Unexploded Ordnance Detection and Clearance 4) Human and Social Aspects of Security related to NATO's strategic objectives 5) Any project related clearly linked to a threat to 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.
Programme description	This is a course designed to enable specialists in NATO countries to share their security-related expertise in one of the SPS Key Priority areas. An ATC is not intended to be lecture-driven, but to be intensive and interactive in nature. The course contributes to the training of experts in Partner countries and enables the formation and strengthening of international expert networks.
Website and additional links	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/78209.htm
Status	Ongoing
Overall budget	N/A
Maximum budget per candidate	The SPS grant (average 60,000 EUR) pays for direct organisational costs, travel and living expenses of all specialists and attendance costs of trainees from countries eligible to receive NATO funding.
Contact	sps.info@hq.nato.int
Who can candidate?	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.

What are the requirements for applying?	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.
Type of activity funded	Research
Link with ICT	Direct
Other useful information	<p>Target Audience: Trainees (20 to 50) primarily from Partner countries. These trainees are chosen on the basis of their qualifications and experience and the benefit they may draw from the ATC in their future activities.</p> <p>Duration: 5-7 working days</p>