



NATO MODELLING & SIMULATION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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SUBJECT: **CALLING LETTER FOR THE 2022 EDITION OF THE NATO COMPUTER ASSISTED ANALYSIS, EXERCISE, AND EXPERIMENTATION FORUM (CA²X² FORUM).**

DATE: 12 May 2022

1. **Invitation.** The NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence (M&S COE) is delighted to invite the addressees to register and attend the 17th Edition of the NATO Computer Assisted Analysis, Exercise, Experimentation Forum (CA²X² Forum). The Forum is returning to a live, in presence event. The 17th NATO CA²X² Forum 2022 will be organized by the NATO M&S COE and hosted at the **Hotel Barceló Aran Mantegna, Rome, Italy, 27-29 September 2022.** Addressees are also kindly asked to pass this invitation to organisations and individuals for which the event could be of interest.

2. **Event.** The NATO CA²X² Forum has become one of NATO's main events on CAX and M&S for more than sixteen years. The NATO CA²X² Forum is an event where Military, Industry, Academia, Study Groups and Subject Matter Experts, meet yearly to discuss M&S related topics. It is the premiere international discussion environment for the design, planning and usage of M&S for defense related purposes.

Representatives of NATO Countries, Partnership for Peace (PfP), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Contact Nations (CN), as well as industries and universities from various countries take part in the Forum.

The event is open not only to NATO Nations, NATO Bodies, EAPC, MD, ICI, NATO Partners across the Globe, and UN, EU, OSCE Representatives, but, on a case-by-case basis, and upon approval, participants outside the listed entities could be admitted. All the information is available at the link:

[NATO CA2X2 Forum 2022 \(https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/\)](https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/)

The previous 2021 edition (the second one held completely online) was very successful. 531 digital visitors, 37 nations, 276 organizations, 13 tracks with 54 sessions, 21 virtual booths and 9 sponsors guaranteed active participation and huge media interest. Find more information on the past edition on: [NATO CA2X2 Forum 2021 \(https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2021/\)](https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2021/)

3. **Theme and Topics.** The 2022 edition's main theme is "*NATO's Digital Transformation, Now & Beyond,*" and the forum will be focused on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Computer Assisted eXercise (CAX)
- Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) for M&S
- M&S Standards and Technologies
- M&S Lessons Learned
- Education and Training
- Wargaming
- Cyber M&S Domain
- Space M&S Domain
- Artificial Intelligence
- Capability Development and Experimentation

- Support to Military Operations and Decision Making
- Assisted Decision Making
- Re-Train Warfighting functions
- Emerging technologies

4. Call for papers, presentations, and activities. NATO M&S COE requests all interested experts, authors, presenters are invited to submit abstracts, presentations, papers, and articles about the Forum's topics to be evaluated by members of NATO CA²X² Forum Technical Program Committee. Authors of approved abstracts will be asked to prepare a presentation (+ papers, articles in pdf format), then to present it during the NATO CA²X² Forum. Selected papers will be published at the CA²X² 2022 Publication in 2023.

Companies, organisations, study groups, teams, and experts are also invited to propose and support sessions/activities on specific M&S topics. The sessions/activities proposed by the M&S Community of Interest encompass presentations, round tables, interviews, workshops, demos, courses, and others. Your proposal will be evaluated and, if feasible, conveniently embedded in the event.

The same My EasyChair platform will be used to organize the submission of your papers as in previous years, where authors can receive further instructions related to the submission of their contributions. You can find it at the link: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ca2x2forum2022>. If you have never used this platform your private registration will be required.

Submission deadlines: abstracts due on 30 June 2022, presentations due by 18 August 2022, and final papers due by 30 September 2022.

5. Sponsorship Opportunities and Exhibition Booths. Given the high profile of the event and the resonance it will have in the military & technical industrial environment, the Centre would like to extend an offer for your Company to assist the Forum in terms of sponsorship for the event. We anticipate a lot of interest in the Forum as more and more events are returning to in presence activities.

Participation may include the provision of one or more items or events of your choice with the possibility to apply your company logo on the item itself, according to arrangements to be made with this Centre. (For more details please contact our POC mentioned below.)

All interested parties should note that a limited amount of exhibition spaces/booths will be made available for any requesting Company/Agency to demonstrate and advertise their CAX, analysis, experimentation, or simulation related skills and products.

The Centre thanks you in advance for your attention and potential support. To stay current on the event, please visit the following links:

- [NATO CA2X2 Forum 2022 \(https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/\)](https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/)
- <https://www.mscoe.org/>, NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence website.

We remain available for any further information you may require. Please coordinate your responses with: Lt. Col. Fulvio MORGHESI mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it tel. +39 0646914388.

6. Structure and Schedule. **The Forum will be conducted in presence** over 3 days, from **27-29 September 2022** at the *Hotel Barceló Aran Mantegna, Rome, Italy*. The on-site registration and Icebreaker will take place on **September 26, 2022**. It will also be possible to register the morning of 27 September 2022.

The projected schedule of the forum will be updated regularly on the NATO M&S COE web page - <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/>. The final detailed Agenda will be issued in due time.

7. Registration and Fees. Registration to the event for the M&S community of interest will be available by filling a pre-registration online form available at the NATO M&S COE website at the following link: <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2022/>. This year's fee will be €300 for attendees. This fee, in line with other conference's fees, is the main source of funding for the not-for-profit NATO M&S COE to conduct the event.
8. Classification. The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to the public. The conference will be held under the Chatham House Rule.
9. Contacts. For any additional detail or further information, contact the NATO CA²X² Forum Organizing Committee directly by email at natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org
10. We are eager to bring the community together again in person, in an amazing city, in order to advance these important topics.

We thank you in advance for your support of the event.

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