



NATO FORCE INTEGRATION UNIT

HUNGARY

FACT SHEET



NFIU VALUES

Forward presence

*Visible and permanent
NATO presence for
the security of
Hungary and the
Alliance*

Multinationality

*The cooperation of
more than 11 NATO
nations for collective
defence*

Enabling and Enhancing

*Vital connection and
cooperation between
NATO VJTF and the
host nation*

Capability

*Supporting the fast
and effective
deployment of NATO
VJTF to deal with
security threats*

Defensiveness and legitimacy

*Strong NATO
commitment to keep
Allies safe while being
defensive and
proportionate*

The search for effective responses to the challenges of the changing European security environment was the main theme of the NATO Summit in Wales in 2014. The declaration that was issued following the summit had expressed the nations' firm intention to ensure the safety and territorial integrity of the Alliance member states. Although NATO is basically a defensive organization and does not seek confrontation with anyone, in order to be able to respond to any potential threats in the most effective way, the Alliance has developed the Readiness Action Plan (RAP). Among many elements of the RAP the most important was the creation of a very high readiness force. These forces can be deployed at very short notice within the territory of NATO member states where the threat level justifies it as necessary.

In order to support these military forces in the most effective way possible, the establishment of the NATO Force Integration Units (NFIUs) became necessary.

The primary operational task of NFIU HUN is to help facilitate the fast and effective receiving, staging, onward movement, and deployment of Allied forces, especially the NATO VJTF. The NFIU is involved in collective defence planning, and plays an important role in the preparation, and execution of NATO forces' exercises that are scheduled to be conducted in Hungary.

The Alliance has established the first wave of these smaller NATO commands in six European countries (Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania) in 2015, while Hungary and Slovakia has joined the system a year later in the second wave. The Hungarian NFIU established in Székesfehérvár, Hungary is a tangible example of the role which Hungary intends to play in order to actively contribute to the execution of the tasks related to the collective defence of NATO.

Similarly to the other such organizations, the Hungarian NFIU also performs its duties with a mixed composition of Hungarian and international personnel; a total of 42 people. The presence of soldiers from other NATO countries in Székesfehérvár demonstrates NATO's multinational nature and the member states' commitment to collective defence.

The commander of NFIU Hungary is Col. László GARAS. The organization was activated on 1 September, since when it is subordinated directly to SACEUR, and has the legal status of a NATO International Military Command.

The official opening of the NFIU HUN will happen in November 2016.