

## Our Mission

The NSO conducts education and training in support of current and developing NATO operations, strategy, policy, doctrine and procedures.

## Our Vision

The NSO remains flexible and responsive to the challenges of NATO's security environment through leadership and solutions to meet the Alliance's individual education and training requirements. Our strong, collaborative relationship with NATO's Centres of Excellence, Partnership Training and Education Centres, and other leading academic institutions enables us to provide effective and efficient capabilities for the Alliance and its Partners. The quality of our solutions, optimized through innovative methodologies in a safe environment, will extend students' learning retention and enable networking opportunities that expand trust and interoperability.

## Our Culture

The NSO's aim is to produce quality training and education that is relevant to the needs of the Alliance now and in the future. We strive for excellence and seek continuous improvement in all that we do. We invest in our staff, helping each member grow professionally while showing value to our sponsoring nations. Diversity is our core strength, both in our staff and in our classrooms, as this is where shared understanding and interoperability begin.



KNOWLEDGE ENABLES CAPABILITY



## 70 YEARS NSO - THE PROGRAMME FOR 2023

**January** *NSO Burns Night*

**February** *NSO Winterfest*  
*NSO 70KM Langlauf*

**March** *3rd NSO Cake Baking Contest*

**April** *NSO NLD King's Day*

**May** *World Run, Munich*  
*NSO Oberammergau 3-Peaks Challenge*

**June** *NSO Italian Republic Day Celebration*  
*Local Community Event (tbd)*

**July** *70th Anniversary Main Event*  
*NSO Summer Fest*

**August** *King Ludwig Fires*

**September** *NSO Family Day*  
*NSO Oktoberfest*

**October** *NSO 70 KM Cycle*  
*NSO CMDT Dinner*

**November** *NSO USA/CAN Thanksgiving*

**December** *NSO Weihnachten*

# NATO SCHOOL Oberammergau



## Teaching Excellence since 1953

## 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU (NSO)

The leaders of the Alliance highlight the importance of the NATO School Oberammergau (NSO) and celebrate with us:

Since 1953, the NSO has supported the development of alliances / partner military and civilian personnel for 70 years. The NSO will use 2023 as an opportunity to celebrate and to thank all of those organisations, especially the Mayor and the local Oberammergau Community, who provide critical support to NSO now, over last 70 years, and most importantly as we look to securing a bright future.

~ Colonel Jay Smith, Commandant of the NSO

ACO/SHAPE places great value on the essential operational training that NSO provides. This training ensures that NATO Forces remain agile and adaptable and are able to overcome the global challenges they face.

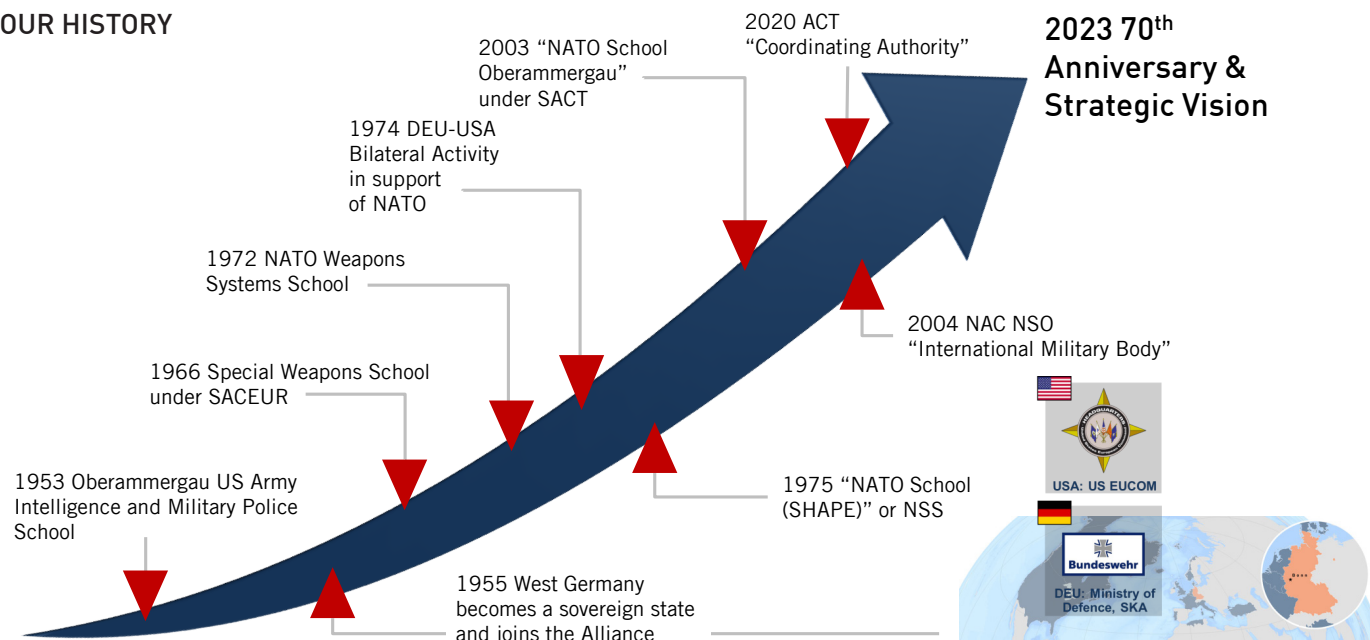
ACT appreciates the flexibility and adaptability demonstrated by NSO over the last 70 years to develop and evolve training courses to meet the new capability requirements and the significant challenges of today and tomorrow.

~ General Philippe Lavigne, SACT

The NSO has always worked alongside the Mayor and the Community of Oberammergau to achieve the best possible results. The Community looks forward to continuing this very close cooperation and strong mutually rewarding relationship in the future.

~ Mr Andreas Rödl, Mayor of Oberammergau

## OUR HISTORY



## OUR ROLE

The NSO is a Deu-US bilateral partnership that continues to enhance NATO's education and training.

The NSO is NATO's responsive, operational training solution for

- allied and partner **national resiliency**,
- **NATO collective defense**, and
- **integrated deterrence**.

We provide mentorship and direction as

- **Department Head** for NATO's **Education Training Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE)** and
- as the **Partner Training and Education Center (PTEC) Co-chair**.

## OUR COURSES

The NSO provides

- more than **115 courses**
- covering **26 of the 29 NATO disciplines**
- to approximately **11.000 students** annually
- by 9 academic departments
- through residential courses but also through distance learning and mobile training teams (METTs)

## OUR AUDIENCE

The audience for our academic portfolio is military and civilian personnel belonging to NATO, partner nations and international organizations.

**ACT** provides academic accreditation, curriculum coordination, institutional support and strategic direction. **ACO** exists as our requirements authority for 24 of our 26 NATO supported disciplines, and provides functional support and strategic guidance.

## OUR TEAM

The **NSO staff** consist roughly of **one third DEU-US** personnel and additional voluntary national contributions (VNCs) from **22 nations** without a peacetime establishment and NATO Budget.

