

SPS ACTIVITIES WITH ISTANBUL COOPERATION INITIATIVE (ICI) COUNTRIES

JUNE

Launch of the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative at the NATO Summit (Istanbul), with the aim to contribute to long-term global and regional security by offering countries of the broader Middle East region practical bilateral security cooperation with NATO.

JANUARY TO MARCH

Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar formally join the ICI.

2004

JUNE

The United Arab Emirates formally joins the ICI.

2005

Allies open participation in the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme to ICI countries.

2008

JANUARY

Inauguration of the NATO-ICI Regional Centre in Kuwait. The NATO-ICI Regional Centre is the hub for training and other activities between NATO and ICI Partners.

SEPTEMBER

An SPS Information Day is held at the NATO-ICI Regional Centre in Kuwait, resulting in a package of 5 tailor-made training courses in the Key Priorities of: CBRN Defence, Critical Infrastructure Protection, and Cyber Defence [web story: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/news_149963.htm?selectedLocale=en].

2017

MARCH

The first SPS activity with the United Arab Emirates: the Advanced Research Workshop, "Enhancing Women's Roles in International Countering Violent Extremism Efforts" is held in Madrid, bringing together more than 20 experts from NATO and Partner nations and resulting in a publication [link: https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_168106.htm?].

2018

JANUARY

The first SPS Multi-Year Project with an ICI Partner is launched. Qatari and Canadian experts start working on the project, "Protection/Resilient Control of Cyber-Physical Systems against Malicious Attacks" in response to the SPS special call for proposals on Cyber Defence.

2019

FACTS AND FIGURES

PARTICIPATION OF ICI COUNTRIES IN SPS ACTIVITIES



8 activities with ICI countries



- 1 Multi-Year Project (MYP)



- 2 Advanced Research Workshops (ARW)



- 5 Advanced Training Courses (ATC)

176 trainees and lecturers in 5 SPS ATCs at the NATO-ICI Regional Centre
57 trainees and speakers at 2 ARWs

Activities focus on the SPS Key Priority areas of **Cyber Defence**, **Counter-Terrorism**, **CBRN Defence**, **Critical Infrastructure Protection**