

CEPS Programme Fact Sheet

Support for Military and Non-Military Clients

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The NATO Central Europe Pipeline System (CEPS) Programme manages the operation, financing and maintenance of an integrated, cross-border fuel pipeline and storage system in support of NATO's operational military requirements during peacetime, crisis and conflicts, including expeditionary operations.

With 5 600 km of pipeline, the CEPS is the largest pipeline system in NATO. The CEPS crosses the territories of five "Host Nations": Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg and The Netherlands. The United States participates as a "User Nation".

The CEPS transport infrastructure and storage capacity is also made available to non-military clients.

The CEPS provides an important NATO capability not only in terms of its support to military operations but also for energy security.

An Evolving State-of-the-Art System

- Investments are made each year for the maintenance of the System and its compliance with international regulations and requirements.
- Secure installations: dispersed, semi-buried tanks, pumpstations and manifolds are protected and controlled by remote monitoring.
- Over 850 highly-qualified civil and military personnel support the CEPS.

CEPS Programme Office

The CEPS Programme Office (Versailles, France) is responsible for the execution of the mission of the CEPS Programme and sets policy and standards to be used in the system.

It coordinates and designs the planning of cross-border traffic, the use of storage capacities, and manages product quality control. Operations are managed on a 24/7 basis, with the CEPS Programme Office serving as the intermediary between National Organisations and NATO Authorities, suppliers and clients. The CEPS Programme Office is responsible for the operational, technical and financial control, as well as the coordination of business developments. The Heads of the National Organisations report to the CEPS Programme Manager.

Specialities

Council has permitted that the CEPS is used for non-military purposes. All non-military contracts must include the 'Military Priority Clause' which clearly provides for the priority use of the CEPS for military purposes at all times. Ongoing non-military activity ensures system/personnel readiness.

Transport

- 13 million m³ transported per year over an average distance of 350 km.
- Point-to-point transport of diesel, gasoline, domestic fuel and naphtha.
- Aviation fuel banking system (JET A-1) – specifications for both civil and military aviation fuel are unified permitting storage and transport of only one type of aviation fuel.

Storage

- Capacity of 1.25 million m³
- In 27 CEPS depots and 6 non-military depots which are operated by the CEPS. Several depots are equipped with truck-loading stations; two are equipped with rail-loading stations.



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Quality Control

- Product analysis is carried out systematically at entry and delivery points. Samples are also retrieved during transport and storage.
- Laboratories are internationally certified.

Environmental Friendly

- Buried underground, pipelines are well concealed in the natural scenery.
- Systematic external control is conducted by aerial and ground inspections. Internal maintenance is carried out by scraping; internal monitoring is done with instrumented "pigging".

Military & Non-Military Clients

- Operating conventions and contracts ensure that priority is given to military capability.
- A high degree of specialization in the realm of aviation fuel enables the CEPS to deliver significant amounts of jet fuel to civilian airports, including: Amsterdam, Findel, Frankfurt and Zaventem.
- Continuous use of the CEPS ensures readiness of the personnel and ongoing maintenance keeps the System in good working order.

CEPS Banking System

- Once a client enters fuel into the Network, delivery can be made immediately, at any point.

The CEPS transports the equivalent of approximately 1200 trucks on the roads, 24/7/365, over an average distance of 350 km. Regional road traffic is reduced and there is much less pollution added to the environment.



Operations

The day-to-day pipeline operations and maintenance is executed by four National Organisations and their respective dispatching centers. The CEPS Programme Office assures operational, technical, budgetary and administrative control of the CEPS in peace- and wartime in accordance with the Charter of the NATO Support Organisation (NSPO).



National Organisations

Each Host Nation is responsible for its organisational system. This is under taken by a National Organisation, responsible for the operations, maintenance, administration and legal support in each country:

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