

# NSPA Fact Sheet

## NATO's Integrated Logistics and Services Provider Agency

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### What is the NSPA?

The NATO Support Agency (NSPA) is NATO's Integrated Logistics and Services Provider Agency, combining the former NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA), the Central Europe Pipeline Management Agency (CEPMA) and the NATO Airlift Management Agency (NAMA). The NSPA is a fully customer-funded agency, operating on a "no profit - no loss" basis. It employs some 1,200 staff and is headquartered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (Capellen), with operational centres in Luxembourg, France, Hungary and Italy.

The NSPA is the executive body of the NATO Support Organisation (NSPO), of which all 28 NATO nations are members. Those nations are represented in the NSPO Agency Supervisory Board (ASB) which directs and controls the activities of the NSPA.

The NSPA brings together in a single Organisation NATO's logistics and procurement support activities, providing integrated multinational support solutions for its stakeholders. Its creation falls within the framework of the new NATO approach to defence spending during austere times called Smart Defence of which Smart Support is a key element.

### What is the mission of the NSPA?

The mission of the NATO Support Agency is to provide responsive, effective and cost-efficient logistics support services for systems and operations. This support is provided – in times of peace, crisis and war, wherever required – to the NATO Alliance nations, the NATO Military Authorities and partner nations, both individually and collectively. The objective is to maximize the ability and flexibility of armed forces, contingents, and other relevant organisations to execute their core mission, in line with guidance provided by the North Atlantic Council.

These capabilities are delivered by three business segments:

- Airlift Management Programme;
- Central Europe Pipeline System Programme;
- Logistics Operations.

The Airlift Management Programme acquires, manages and supports the airlift assets (currently three Boeing C-17 Globemaster IIIs) that nations can call upon to fulfill their national, NATO, EU and UN commitments. It provides financial, logistics, and administrative services in support of the Heavy Airlift Wing (HAW), a multinational military unit located in Hungary and responsible for operating the Airlift Management Programme-owned aircraft used to meet the requirements of the participating nations in accordance with a pre-agreed allocation of flying hours.

The 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. The CEPS Programme Office, located in France, coordinates and designs the planning of cross-border traffic and manages product quality control. It is responsible for operational, technical and financial control, as well as the coordination of business development. Operations run on a 24/7 basis, with the CEPS Programme Office serving as the liaison between National Organisations and NATO authorities.

The Logistics Operations segment of the NSPA is a grouping of multiple weapon and equipment system support capabilities, some of which are highly specialized. These are provided using multinational legal frameworks such as Support Partnerships (SPs), Support Conferences (SCs) and other bilateral and/or multinational agreements enabling the consolidation and centralization of logistics management functions across the NSPO Member States. All of these capabilities can be projected to support NATO and nations during exercises and during deployments in the context of North Atlantic Council-approved operations.

The majority of the support provided is outsourced to industry through international competitive bidding. In addition to its contracting capability, Logistics Operations has an in-house engineering and technical support capability covering a number of specific technologies, such as optoelectronics and calibration.

Logistics Operations also maintains a Southern Operational Centre (SOC) located in Italy and a number of its staff are deployed to theatres and NATO commands to provide front line support to operations.



# NSPA customers

- NATO Member States (collectively or individually)
- Allied Command Operations, Allied Command Transformation (and subordinate commands)
- Partnership for Peace (PfP) Member States
- NATO Agencies
- International entities (EU and UN)
- Military and non-military CEPS users

# NSPA suppliers

- Industry and services contractors in NATO Member States
- Military facilities in NATO Member States
- Industry in PfP Member States (in certain cases)

## NSPA portfolio of Logistics Support

### Central Europe Pipeline System (CEPS) (5 599 km of pipeline)

- Point-to-point transport of diesel, gasoline, domestic fuel and naphtha (approx. 13 million m<sup>3</sup> per year)
- Aviation fuel banking system (JET A-1)
- Storage capacity of 1.25 million m<sup>3</sup> (33 depots) – several depots with truck-loading stations, 2 depots with rail-loading stations
- Product Quality Control (product analysis at entry and delivery points – internationally certified laboratories)

### Airlift Management

- Management and support of three Boeing C-17 Globemaster IIIs operated by the Heavy Airlift Wing (HAW).
- Nations can use those assets in the context of national, NATO, EU and UN commitments.
- Support to participating nations on the basis of pre-agreed allocation of flying hours.

### Weapon Systems & Equipment Support (including NATO common-funded systems and equipment)

- Land systems
- Aircraft (fixed and rotary wing)
- Naval systems
- Unmanned (aerial) systems
- Missiles and rockets
- Ammunition
- Ground-based air defence systems
- Sensors (command and control)
- Communication systems
- NATO Capability Packages

### Logistics services

- Supply management and automation – including e-portal hosting of multiple web-based e-Logistics solutions – and warehousing
- Maintenance, repair and calibration, including sustainment management
- Transportation services (management and provision of air, sea and land transportation – to include rail)
- Host Nation for projects under the NATO Security Investment Programme (NSIP)
- Port services
- Random Brokerage (including one-off procurement of off-the-shelf items to meet special mission requirements)
- Dismantling, demilitarization and destruction (NATO Trust Funds or (multi)national arrangements)
- Project management (turn-key solutions) and technical assistance
- Services to contribute to life-cycle support of assigned systems
- Logistics Data Management (NATO Codification, configuration and documentation management, Product Life Cycle Support (PLCS) data management support)

### Crisis Response Operations – including NATO Response Force (NRF) support

- Planning and management of contracting for NATO operations (for Allied Command Operations and nations)
- Integrated Logistics Support for deployed operations
- Real Life Support (RLS) and Airport Of Debarkation (APOD) services
- Multiple services in support of expeditionary operations (including provision of fuel)
- Civil engineering projects
- Disaster relief