

# The European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE)



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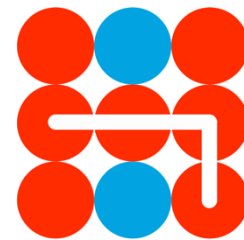
**Summary:** Hybrid CoE is an international hub for practitioners and experts, assisting participating states and institutions in understanding and defending against hybrid threats.

**At stake:** Hybrid CoE is, appropriately, a hybrid entity. It was originally mooted by the EU but is – currently – unusual in straddling EU and NATO fences.

**What they say:** “To be a neutral facilitator between the EU and NATO through strategic discussions and exercises” – second function of Hybrid CoE.

**Exposure:** The UK is and presumably will remain a member.

**Action:** None immediately: the US and Canada are also participants. The UK though ought to encourage more diversion of European External Action Services (EEAS) institutional ambitions away from creating EU-only bodies towards NATO-compatible ones. However, this may often be opposed by non-NATO member states.



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