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SUBJECT: **CALLING LETTER FOR 20TH NATO COMPUTER ASSISTED ANALYSIS EXERCISE EXPERIMENTATION (CA²X²) FORUM (23-25 September 2025, Rome).**

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1. The NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence (M&S COE) is delighted to announce the 20th Edition of the NATO Computer Assisted Analysis, Exercise, Experimentation Forum (CA²X² Forum). The 20th NATO CA²X² Forum 2025 will be an in person event organized by the NATO M&S COE and hosted at the **Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center, Rome, Italy, 23-25 September 2025.**
2. Over the past twenty years, the NATO CA²X² Forum has become one of NATO's main events on CAX and M&S. CA²X² is a premiere international discussion environment where Military, Industry, Academia, Study Groups and Subject Matter Experts meet yearly to discuss the design, planning and usage of M&S for defence related purposes.
3. This year's theme is **"From Simulation to Action: Wargaming, Exercising, and Experimenting for Multi-Domain Advantage"**. Specific instructions and details are reported in the following annexes.
4. Addressees are kindly asked to pass this invitation to organisations and individuals for which the event could be of interest.
5. The point of contact (POC) is (USA Army) Lieutenant Colonel (OF4) Douglas ROSS, MSCOE Deputy Director, reached by phone at (NCN) 234-4372, (ITA) +39 06 46912 4372 or via email at: natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org.

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PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Theme and Topics.

The 2025 Forum's theme is **"From Simulation to Action: Wargaming, Exercising, and Experimenting for Multi-Domain Advantage"**; the Forum will be focused on, *but not limited to*, the following topics:

- Computer Assisted eXercise (CAX);
- Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) for M&S;
- M&S Standards and Technologies;
- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning;
- University Research;
- Emerging Technologies;
- Wargaming;
- Interoperability;
- Capability Development;
- Lessons Learned;
- Multi-Domain Operations
- Decision Support
- Innovation and Experimentation;
- Evolving Operational Environment;

2. Call of papers presentation and activities.

The NATO M&S COE kindly requests all interested experts, authors, and presenters to submit abstracts, presentations, papers (optional), and articles in line with the Forum's topics to be evaluated by members of NATO CA²X² Forum Technical Program Committee.

Authors of approved abstracts will be asked to prepare a presentation (+ papers & articles in pdf format (optional)), then to present it during the NATO CA²X² Forum.

Selected papers will be published at the CA²X² Forum 2025 Publication in early 2026 (optional).

Companies, organisations, study groups, teams, students and experts are also invited to propose and support sessions/activities on specific M&S topics. The sessions/activities proposed by the M&S Community of Interest encompass presentations, round tables, interviews, workshops, demos, courses, and others. Your proposal will be evaluated and, if feasible, conveniently embedded in the event. The submission of abstracts, presentations and papers will be through the 2025 MSCOE CAX Forum EasyChair platform at:

<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=natoca2x2forum2025>.

If you have never used this platform your private registration will be required.

3. Deadlines.

Submission deadlines:

- Abstracts: 30 June 2025;
- Presentations: 25 August 2025;
- Final papers: 31 October 2025.

4. Structure and Schedule.

The Forum will be conducted in person over 3 days, the on-site badge pick up will begin on **22 September 2025** followed by an ice-breaker. Registration and payment will only be possible online. The projected schedule of the forum will be updated regularly on the NATO M&S COE web page - <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2025/>.

The final detailed Agenda will be issued in due time.

Partnering Activities:

- Defence Universities Workshop, in support of an inaugural meeting of an academic military simulation community. This will be a closed workshop with limited seats. If your Defence University is interested in participating, please contact us at natoca2x2forum@mscoe.org

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. Aim

This annex provides general information for companies interested in sponsoring the event.

2. Invitation

The M&S COE would like to extend an offer for companies to support the NATO CA2X2 Forum by serving as event sponsors. Interest in the Forum continues to grow and it serves as a high-profile event for military, academic, and industry partners in the modelling and simulation community of interest. Support from sponsors is critical in enabling the COE to continue improving the quality of forum for our participants.

3. Sponsored Items/event

Sponsorship opportunities include the provision of one or more items or events of your choice with the possibility to apply your company logo on the item itself, according to arrangements to be made with this Centre.

There are opportunities for sponsors to establish a company booth equipped with Wi-Fi internet connection and power supply - up to a maximum of 20 exhibition spaces – in a highly visible area of the CA²X² Forum conference center to demonstrate their CAX, analysis, experimentation, or simulation related skills and products. Exhibition spaces are available at a standard rate based on the exhibition space needed

4. Sponsorship offers

Any expressions of interest from the companies must be sent NLT 05 August 2025 to the M&S COE Point of Contact. A detailed information sheet will be sent to all Companies interested in these Sponsorship Opportunities. If there are two or more offers / proposals to sponsor the same event/article, the First-Come/First-Serve criterion will be utilized for selection.

The Centre thanks you in advance for your attention and potential support. To stay current on the event, please visit the following links of the NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence website: <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2025/>

5. POC

The point of contact is Major (OF3) Francesco MORETTI, M&S COE Budget and Finance Officer at email: mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it or Francesco.moretti@mscoe.org or phone: +39 06 46912 4388.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Aim.

This annex provides administrative details for the 20th CAX FORUM

2. Type, venue, dates and timing

The 20th NATO CA²X² Forum 2025 is a residential event hosted in **Rome (Italy)** on **23-25 September 2023 at the “Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center”**, located in “Largo Lorenzo Mossa n. 8, Roma” ([+39 06 66441](tel:+390666441), www.ergifepalacehotel.com).

3. Travel arrangements

NATO MSCOE will not provide transportation from / to the hotel. The hotel is a 6 minute walk from the nearest BUS stop and a 15 minute walk from the nearest (underground) LINEA “A” METRO stop “Cornelia”, Contact the hotel (<http://www.ergifepalacehotel.com>) to check transportation services availability.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special rate from 22-25 September 2025 at the “Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Centre” on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that September is a popular destination for tourists at this time of year. Rome will host a higher than average number of tourists this year due to the 2025 Jubilee. Participants are strongly encouraged to reserve their hotel room as soon as possible

4. Registration.

Registration to the event for the M&S community of interest will be available from 16 June through 4 September at the NATO M&S COE website at the following link: <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-ca2x2-forum-2025/>;

5. Fees.

The Forum fee to attend will be 310 EUR. There is no reduced fee for attending only certain days or sessions. For any further related information please refer to:

Major (OF3) Francesco MORETTI (mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it or +39 06 46912 4388).

6. Social events:

- Ice breaker: NATO MSCOE Director will host an optional ice-breaker on Monday, 22 September from 19.00 – 21.00;
- Cultural event: an optional cultural event will be organized at one of Rome’s many historical sites during the afternoon on Wednesday 24 September (exact time TBP);

7. Dress Code.

The appropriate dress code will be:

When	Military	Civilians
Ice Breaker	Dress uniform (jacket & tie)	Business (jacket & tie)
Plenary	Dress uniform (jacket & tie)	Business (jacket & tie)
Forum Sessions-Panel Members	Dress uniform (jacket & tie)	Business (jacket & tie)
Forum Sessions-Attendees:	Dress uniform (tie without jacket)	Business casual
Cultural event	Smart Casual (TBC)	Smart Casual (TBC)

8. Information security

The event is open not only to NATO Nations, NATO Bodies, EAPC, MD, ICI, NATO Partners across the Globe, and UN, EU, OSCE Representatives, but, on a case-by-case basis, and upon approval, participants outside the listed entities could be admitted.

All the information is available at the link: [NATO CA2X2 Forum 2025](#).

The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to the public. The conference will be held under the Chatham House Rule.