

# LONG-TERM DEFENCE PLANNING A STUDY OF THE PRACTICE

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**Abstract:** *This article presents a study of the practice of long-term defense planning in NATO and the EU as well as in some allied and partner nations. It makes a comparative analysis of the approaches, interactions between institutions, including the role of military expertise and the Ministry of Defense as well as the documents presenting the results of the process in different countries and within NATO and the EU. The study showed that different political systems and traditions, legislation and public governance influence the approaches of individual nations in policy formulation and the implementation of long-term defense planning. At the international level the long-term planning process also reflects the specifics of NATO's collective defense system and the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy.*

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