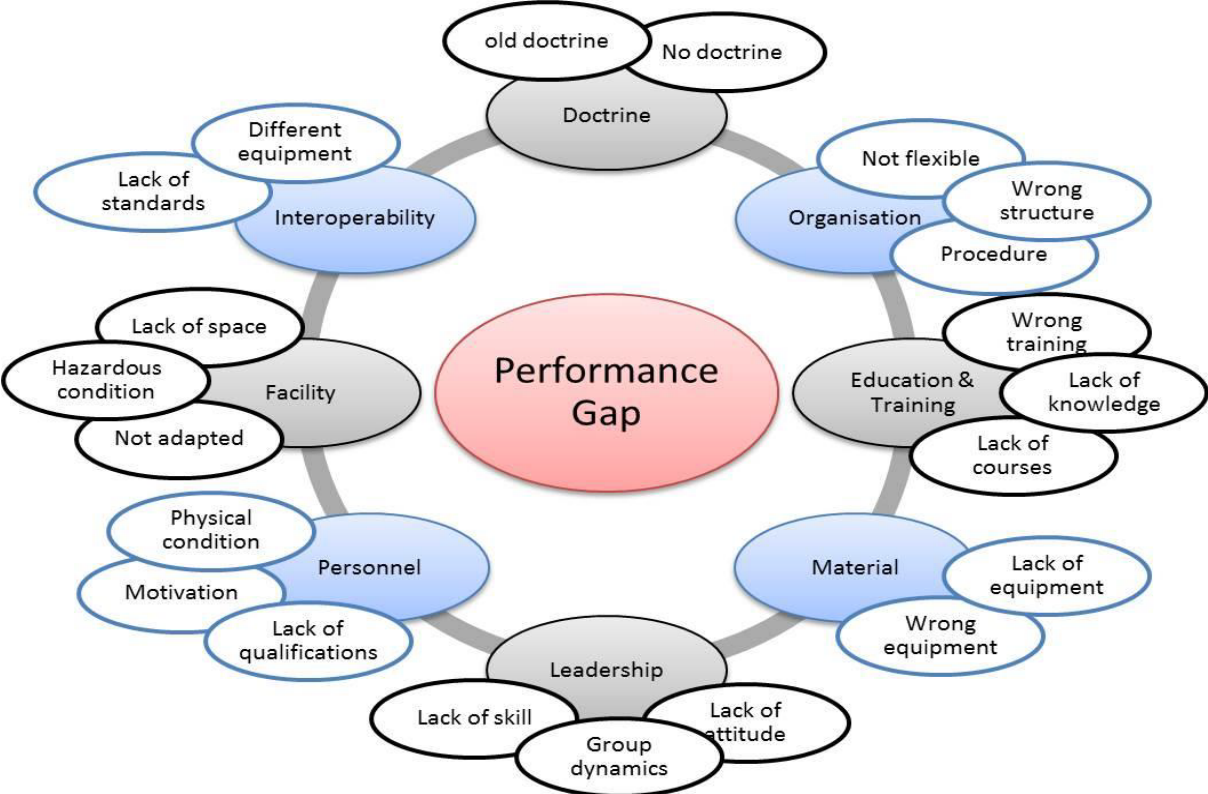


Last year, ACT advised us to consider becoming the Department Head of Operations Planning, Operations Analysis and Alternative Analysis. In short, a department head coordinates the education within a certain discipline to fill identified performance gaps. Coordinating in this context refers to things like ensuring the quality of the education according to the requirements of the authorities, planning and ensuring that the staff members required are available, maintaining contact with the schools and so on.

Operations Planning, Operations Analysis and Alternative Analysis is a complex discipline that was not attended to for a long time. The discipline has strong connections with our work at the centre because it has everything to do with processes, procedures and decision making in relation to the planning and execution of operations.



A proper execution of this department head function is essential, since it is so important for NATO operations. Being the department head makes the NATO C2COE an even more valued partner for NCS/NFS and the associated network. In this way, the circle of theory, doctrine, practice and training and education is closed. That is what catalysing C2 is all about.

We researched the consequences of becoming the Department Head of OPOAAA. We studied the relevant documents and doctrine. We also paid visits, for example to the NSO, since it is the main provider of the courses in this discipline.

The Steering Board said yes, so we are now going forward with the implementation of the function, which will be our responsibility for NATO from 1 September 2019 onwards.