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1. NATO has developed and used education and training technologies, and e-Learning since 2003. Under Military Committee direction (Ref. A), HQ SACT Joint Force Trainer has the lead for this task and has worked across NATO and with partner nations to develop effective, efficient, and affordable education & training solutions.

2. To support this effort and to promote technical interoperability, pedagogical advancements, and best practices across NATO, nations, Centres of Excellence (CoE), and Partnership Training & Education Centres (PTEC), HQ SACT hosts the annual e-Learning Forum. Now in its 12th year, the Forum seeks to be NATO's leading conference for distance learning and the technologies that support it. It is open to representatives from all NATO nations as well as partners, CoEs, PTECs, industry, and academia.

3. The Forum is designed for both e-Learning developers and users who are interested in how e-Learning can support their education and training needs. The theme for this year's forum is *Preparing for the Digital Generation* and discussions will centre on what NATO and the nations need to do to provide this innovative and cost-effective method of delivering relevant and quality education and training. If NATO and the nations want to be competitive, efficient, and effective in the 21st century, they will need to take account of the evolution of training, technology, and student expectations.

4. The 2017 Forum will include keynote speakers who lead e-Learning in a governmental, academic, or industrial setting, provide updates on NATO and national programmes, "food for thought" papers, as well as "hands-on" syndicate sessions covering new standards, such as xAPI, mobile learning, micro learning, virtual classrooms, synchronous training, virtual and augmented reality. Organizations developing or considering an e-Learning capability, as well as current or future users of e-Learning, are encouraged to attend this thought-provoking, informative Forum. This year will also be the second "NATO e-Learning Showcase", where developers of NATO and partner courses are invited to demonstrate their courses and share lessons learned. An award will be given to the best course demonstration.

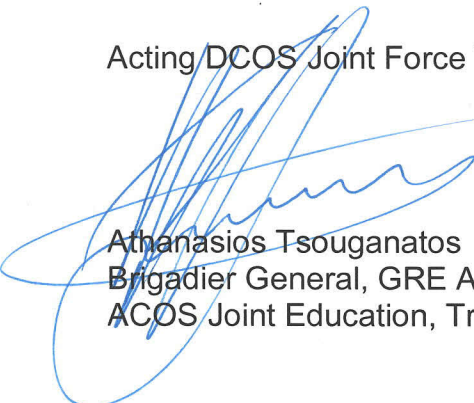
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5. The working language for the Forum will be English and the dress code is business casual or working dress uniform. The forum will be held from 9 a.m. on 29 August to 12:30 p.m. on 31 August 2017. A NATO e-Learning Programming Board and NATO Education and Training Facilities meeting will be held on Thursday, 31 August 2017, from 13:30 to 17:00. Attendance for this part of the programme is limited to NATO schools and supporting NATO agencies.

6. For speaker request submissions, registration, agenda and administrative information, please refer to the <https://jatl.act.nato.int> website. Should you have any questions concerning the NATO e-Learning Forum 2017, please contact Mr. Salih Cem Kumsal, JETE EIT Technology SO at (757) 747-3386 or by email at act.ettsection@act.nato.int.

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