

# JALLC-UKR INITIATIVE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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It has been two years since Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022. NATO continues to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Russia's illegal and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine—which is an independent, peaceful, and democratic country, and a close NATO partner. NATO and Allies continue to provide Ukraine with unprecedented levels of support, helping to uphold its fundamental right to self-defence.

The JALLC has been providing support to the Ukrainian armed forces over the past two years, through its various activities and products. This includes analysis reports, support to development of a national Lessons Learned capability, and training. You can read more about the JALLC's activities in this Newsletter.



## New JALLC-UKR INITIATIVE

In order to ensure that NATO can learn from the lessons being generated from Russia's war against Ukraine, the JALLC has put together a dedicated team of analysts (the JURLAT: JALLC Ukraine-Russia Lessons Analysis Team) and installed a JALLC-UKR Information Centre, nested within the classified version of the NATO Lessons Learned Portal (NLLP).

In this first Newsletter, we present the JALLC-UKR Initiative and explain what you can expect from this new JALLC service, which includes this regular (quarterly) Newsletter, highlighting the key findings from analysis of the data collected by the JURLAT and stored in the JALLC-UKR Information Centre. We look forward to presenting the key results from the first reporting period of the JALLC-UKR Initiative later this year, so watch out for the next Newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy this edition and click on the buttons (digital version) to find out more.



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## So what is the JALLC-UKR Initiative?

The JALLC-UKR Initiative is intended to be the single point of reference for NATO's Lessons Information relating to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It is staffed by a dedicated team of JALLC analysts, that may be augmented with additional JALLC analysts or other subject matter experts as and when demand requires to ensure the best possible expertise is available on this important topic for NATO.



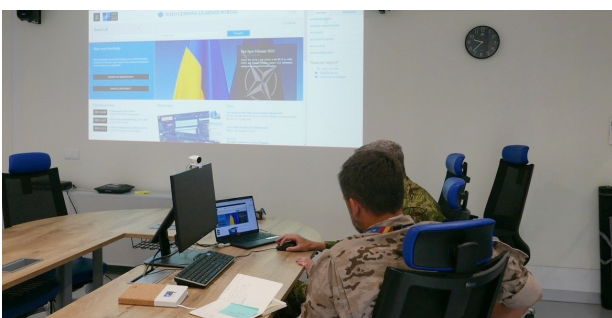
This *JALLC Ukraine-Russia Lessons Analysis Team*, or JURLAT for short, will be responsible for populating the JALLC-UKR Information Centre, which is intended to be a comprehensive repository of NATO's Ukraine-Russia Lessons Information. This Information Centre, which will be hosted as a Community of Interest on the NLLP, will contain searchable lessons as well as relevant reports and documents being produced by NATO, Allies, and other organizations, offering a rich source of information for staffs and researchers. The JALLC-UKR Information Centre will also contain an up to date list of contributing entities and their respective Points of Contact, establishing a network and offering an easy way for people, experts, and interested parties to connect and share relevant information and lessons.

The JALLC-UKR Information Centre—a Community of Interest in the NLLP—will also include an area where relevant upcoming events and activities relating to the war are taking place within NATO. JALLC-UKR Information Centre users will be encouraged to share their relevant Lessons related information by sending their proposals to upload the information in the JALLC-UKR Information Centre, to the JURLAT.

You can already explore the JALLC-UKR Information Centre by accessing the NLLP and applying to become a member of the JALLC-UKR Information Centre. Once a member, you will find, for example, copies of the recent JALLC reports on Russia's war against Ukraine (see the next page of this newsletter) as well as some of the initial Lessons Information uploaded into the JALLC-UKR Information Centre. You can engage with the JALLC-UKR Initiative at [ukr.initiative@jallc.nato.int](mailto:ukr.initiative@jallc.nato.int) on the NATO unclassified and classified systems, or via the JALLC-UKR Information Centre on the classified version of the NLLP.

The JURLAT will also publish digital copies of this regular newsletter via your NATO Information Portal pages, so keep an eye out for the next edition later this year which will contain JALLC-UKR Initiative related content such as trends identified from the lessons collected, key lessons identified, highlights from recent publications, and more.

### More than just words...



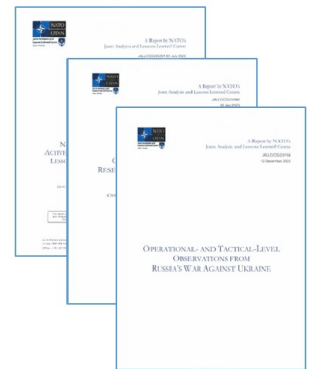
The JALLC-UKR Initiative will offer more than just a repository for relevant information. The JURLAT will also contribute to NATO's overall support to Ukraine and its Lessons Learned efforts by attending, and where appropriate, contributing to, events, seminars, workshops, etc. on Russia's war against Ukraine. The intent is to ensure that the JALLC-UKR Initiative captures as much valuable Ukraine-Russia Lessons Information from as many sources as possible to ensure the quality and quantity of information available is meaningful and can be used throughout NATO by those who need it.

## The JALLC's work so far

Since the beginning of the war in 2022, the JALLC has been working to support both NATO and Ukraine in their efforts to learn the valuable lessons from the war. Below is a short summary of some of the work the JALLC has been doing.

### JALLC Analysis Reports

Russia's war against Ukraine has been closely observed by every military across the globe, studying to learn lessons that will impact on military plans and technologies for future conflicts. The war also provides an opportunity to incorporate lessons learned into NATO training and exercises. As such, the Joint Force Training Centre (JFTC) requested the JALLC's assistance to provide observations from the war that could help develop operational dilemmas for the LOYAL LEDA series of exercises that are delivered by the JFTC. In response, the JALLC produced three reports in 2023. The first reported on Ukraine-related entries submitted to the NLLP. The second presented the analysis of relevant open-source publications. In total, 17 publications were reviewed from Think-Tanks and Research Centres such as the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), and included articles written by prominent authors, such as former top military commanders. Both of these reports were delivered to the JFTC in July 2023. The final report in the JALLC's 2023 War Against Ukraine series was completed in December that year, and contains a number of observations extracted from a range of sources including publications from NATO Nations, NATO HQs, and again, from open-source material.



The JALLC also contributed to a report on military strategic considerations related to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, developed at the strategic level in 2022 and 2023. All the work done so far will continue in 2024, with new iterations of these reports expected to be developed throughout the year.

You can download copies of these reports from the JALLC-UKR Information Centre on the classified version of the NATO Lessons Learned Portal.

### Support to development of Ukrainian National Lessons Learned Portal



During 2023, the JALLC worked with representatives from the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence by delivering briefings aimed at supporting the development of the Ukrainian National Lessons Learned Portal. An effective National Lessons Learned Portal is key to ensuring that the Ukrainian Armed Forces can take advantage of the valuable experience, best practices, and Lessons that are being captured on the battlefield, and ultimately share this valuable information with NATO to enhance the Alliance's own Lessons Learned data.

In this context, in 2023 and 2024 several sessions were organized that saw the JALLC's NATO Lessons Learned Portal team engage with their Ukrainian counterparts in live demonstrations and question and answer sessions that allowed both parties the opportunity to learn from each others experience.

# New NATO-Ukraine Training Centre

NATO Defence Ministers met on Thursday (15 February 2024) to address the Alliance’s deterrence and defence strategy, as well as support to Ukraine. At the meeting, Defence Ministers decided to create a new NATO-Ukraine Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre (JATEC) in Poland to share lessons learned from Russia’s war and create a structure for Ukrainian forces to learn and train alongside their Allied counterparts.



# Recent Lessons Learned Reports

- Russian war against Ukraine Lessons Learned Curriculum Guide (NATO HQ, December 2023).
- Experience of foreign journalists working in Ukraine in time of war (Centre for strategic communication and information security of Ukraine, 2023).
- Beyond the counter-offensive: Attrition, stalemate, and the future of the war in Ukraine (European Council on Foreign Relations, January 2024).
- Swedish Armed Forces Lessons Learned Analysis from the war in Ukraine (Swedish Armed Forces, February 2024).

Other relevant reports have been produced by different NATO organizations, Allied- and Partner Nations, and Centres of Excellence. You can find and download a copy of these reports in the JALLC-UKR Information Centre.

# Relevant NATO-UKR Lessons Learned Related Events

- Lessons Learned in Dynamic Defense Environment Conference (Kyiv, February 2024).
- Webinar “Navigating Two Years of War in Ukraine: a Conversation on Devastation, Resilience, and Future Prospects” (Lisbon, February 2024).
- NATO Lessons Learned Conference 2024 (Lisbon, April 2024).
- NATO Summit 2024 (Washington, July 2024).



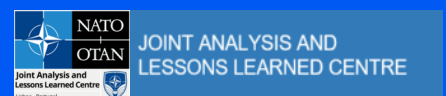
The JALLC recently published one of its Factsheets summarizing the work that it has conducted in 2023 on its Observations from

Russia’s war against Ukraine.

You can download a copy of the factsheet from the JALLC website or click here to download a copy from the NATO Lessons Learned Portal.



You can also read more about the JALLC’s work in the area of Russia’s war against Ukraine in the 2023 edition of the JALLC’s magazine: The Explorer. Click on the cover of the magazine (left) to download a copy from the NATO Lessons Learned Portal.



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