CONCEPTUALISING DIGITAL CAPABILITY

Digital capability is a key enabler for NATO's core tasks, and successful digital capability development will be essential for the future success of the alliance. However, our analysis reveals a lack of universally accepted definitions, particularly between defence and non-defence stakeholders.

CORE DEFINITIONS

Digital: The integration of digital technologies in military capability and organisational frameworks. This includes:
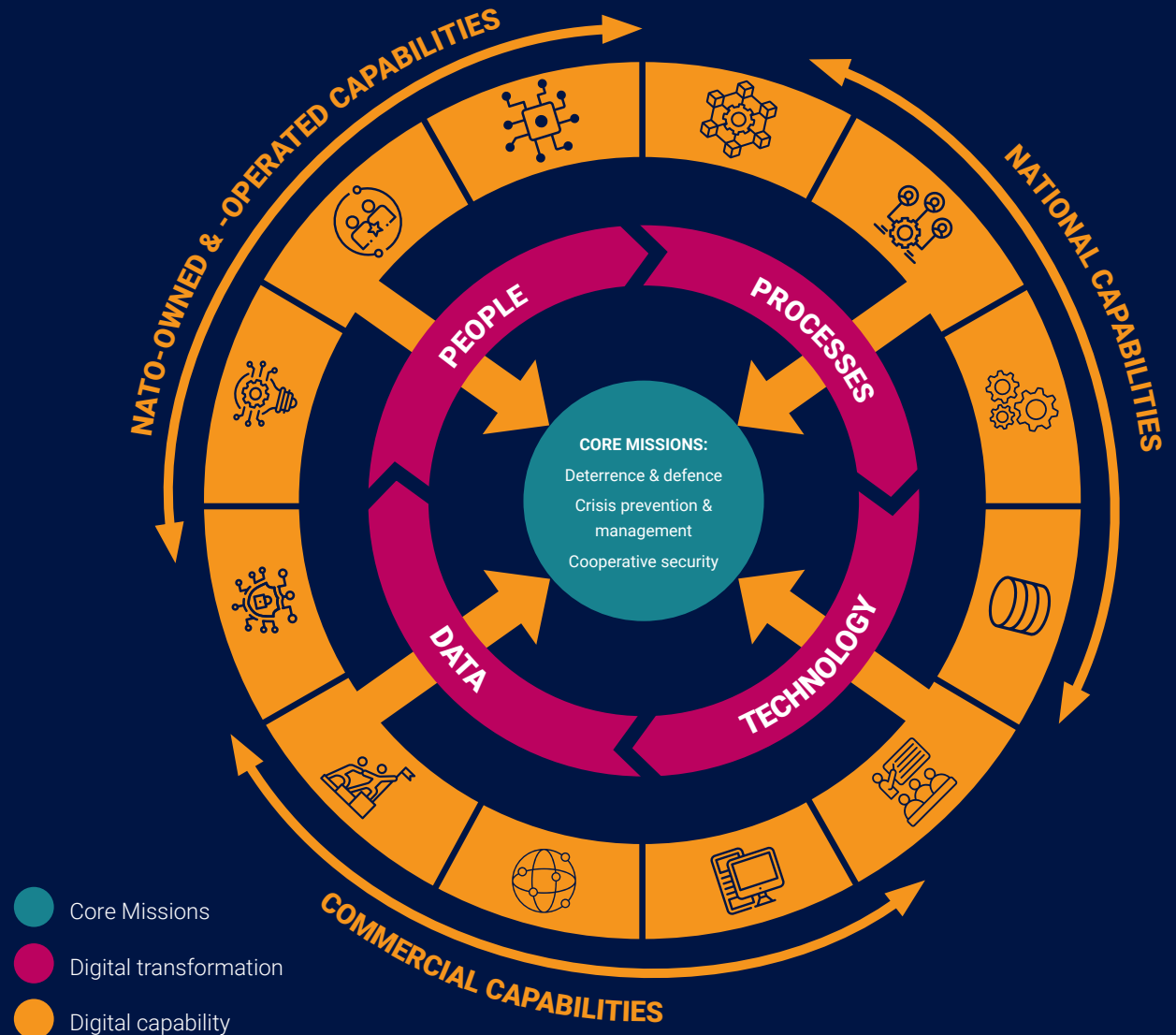
- Traditional IT
- Communications & information systems
- Cyber defence
- Data
- Digital interoperability
- Emerging and disruptive technologies

Capability: The ability to create an effect through an integrated set of aspects:

- Doctrine
- Organisation
- Training
- Materiel
- Leadership development
- Personnel
- Facilities
- Interoperability

Digital transformation: NATO views digital transformation as a continuous and iterative process to develop the next generation of digital capabilities, while remaining adaptable to innovation across the alliance.

HOW DOES DIGITAL CAPABILITY SUPPORT NATO'S CORE MISSION?

NATO-OWNED & -OPERATED CAPABILITIES

NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

COMMERCIAL CAPABILITIES

PEOPLE

PROCESSES

DATA

TECHNOLOGY

CORE MISSIONS:
Deterrence & defence
Crisis prevention & management
Cooperative security

Legend:
- Core Missions
- Digital transformation
- Digital capability

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