

Warsaw Initiative Fund

DSCA/Programs/Building Partnership Capacity

The Warsaw Initiative Fund (WIF) is a bilateral U.S. security cooperation program that provides support to developing countries that are members of the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) program. WIF is the primary tool the Department of Defense uses to advance defense reform and institution building in PfP Partner countries; improve the interoperability of Partners countries with U.S. and NATO; and promote Partner country integration and accession to NATO. Program activities are conducted in accordance with regional and country-specific priorities established by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USPD), U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), and U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM).

WIF conducts activities in sixteen countries in Southeastern Europe, Central Asia, and the South Caucasus. These activities include bilateral working groups in which the Combatant Commands work directly with Partner countries to plan future security cooperation activities; exercises that enhance Partner interoperability and enable the U.S. and Partners to train and operate in a coalition environment; and exchanges, conferences, seminars, and workshops that are critical for U.S. understanding of Partner needs and for supporting Partner country efforts to reform defense establishments.

WIF is intended for Partners' incremental cost of participating in PfP events. These costs must be for consumables and as a direct result of the Partners' participation. Examples include travel costs, and training ammunition. WIF cannot be used to purchase equipment, training, or construction.

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Defense and Military Contact (DMC) was recently realigned under the WIF program. This program is designed to develop active and positive relationships between the defense, military and security communities of the United States and CTR eligible states of the former Soviet Union and facilities bilateral and multilateral programs with those nations.

The office of the Secretary of Defense's Partnership Strategy Division sets policy for the WIF program. DSCA/BPC manages the funding and execution with the COCOMS. WIF is executed in accordance with the Strategy of Active Security and Regional/Country Campaign plans through the PfP partner nations, components, embassy country teams, Army Corps of Engineers, and State Partnership Program representatives.

WIF directly supports the strategic objectives identified in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) by conducting activities that build the security capacity of Partner nations, and by supporting Partner country integration with NATO. The program also supports the security cooperation objectives identified in the Guidance for Employment of the Force (GEF) by conducting activities that advance defense and security sector reforms in Partner nations.

The WIF program is implemented under the statutory authorities in Title 10 of the U.S. Code; Section 168, 1051 and 2010. Regulatory guidance is found in the Security Assistance Manual (SAMM) DoD 5105-38-M.