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Lessons Learned from the war in Ukraine for the basic officer's education

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Observations

- The threat of war in Europe is real
- The Ukraine War has highlighted the importance of multilateralism
- Collective security alliances can limit the spread of war



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What lessons learned can we identify today?

- **The war in Ukraine is complex and ongoing**
 - The war has taken different forms (Conventional, insurgency, Hybrid warfare)
 - It is too early to draw lessons
 - Lack of adaptability by Russian officers



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Preamble

- We need to avoid drawing conclusions rapidly or chase the topic of the day
- In general, basic officer development of leadership skills and basic military competencies remain valid
- It is difficult to change basic officer curriculum
 - Army or service regulations and policies
 - University or Academy regulations and policies
- A single solution is difficult to apply to all military academy models
- We should not focus on what can be incorporated into the curriculum, but rather what should be incorporated on the basis of the lessons learned



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Recommendations

- Because of the limited time we have to prioritize wisely
- Reinforce intellectual adaptability
- Reinforce development of officer intellectual curiosity and flexibility
- Reinforce intercultural awareness and understanding
- Reinforce current emphasis on English language training as the current operational language of NATO and the emerging tactical language of NATO
- Enhance EMILYO programs (



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Questions?



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