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Colonel Giancarlo TURCO serves as Senior Staff Officer at NATO International Military Staff - Policy and Capability Division as responsible for the Climate Change and Security – Effects on Military Operations workstrand and Net Assessment.

He graduated from Italian Army Military Academy, after the 5 year basic military course (1993) he was assigned, as infantry Lieutenant, first to 17th Infantry Regiment "Acqui" latter to the 80th Infantry Regiment "Roma" where he spent his early military career serving as platoon and company commander. He also served as Cadet Company Commander at Military School "Nunziatella" in Naples.

Upon completion of various staff appointments he served as 1st Battalion Commander at the 82th Infantry Regiment "Torino". Over his military career, Col. TURCO occupied a multitude of staff assignments focused on manpower, planning and operations from strategic to the tactical level. These included the Italian Army General Staff - NCO Office SO in Rome and the Planning Branch Chief at the "Acqui" Division HQ.



A successful graduate, Col. TURCO holds Master degrees in "Political Science" (1993), "Diplomatic and International Relations" (2004) and "Strategic Science" (2018). His studies also included the 127th Italian Army Staff college (2001) and the 8th Junior Defence Staff College, culminated, respectively, with the Advanced Master degrees in "Strategic Science" (2001) and "International Relations" (2008). He also attended several courses within national and international environments (NATO, EU and UN) in the spheres of Juridical Advisory, Decision Making Process and Strategic Communication.

Operational duty has taken Col. TURCO from the Balkans to the UNIFIL Strategic Military Cell (SMC) at UN DPKO New York. He served in Kabul Afghanistan as ISAF/RS COS Military Assistant (2014 - 2015). Last Appointment was in Lebanon as J5 Branch Chief of UNIFIL (2022-23).

He was awarded with various personal and campaign medals including Knight of The Order Of Merit Of the Italian Republic, Silver Cross for Service Seniority (25 years) and NATO RS and UNIFIL commemorative medal;

As Colonel he served as JFC Naples Base Support Group Commander (2015-2019) and Italian Army Infantry School Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander (2019-2022). Col. TURCO has been married to Valeria and they have two daughters Roberta and Elena. His spare time is filled by cycling, gardening and watching movies.