What is Personnel Recovery?

Any Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) military operation or civilian mission carries the risk of deployed personnel being trapped, isolated, captured and/or maltreated by enemy forces. Such incidents can have a severely negative impact not only on operational security, but also on the troops’ morale as well as general public support.

**Personnel Recovery (PR)** ensures a swift and safe recovery of personnel who have been isolated, detained or captured in a hostile territory. The measures to be taken are coordinated by PR planners and controllers supported by the PR FAS ATD* - an IT solution provided by the European Defence Agency.

What is PR FAS ATD?

- a **Command, Control Information System** which increases the effectiveness and efficiency of PR missions;
- a software solution that can be provided with robust, **portable hardware**;
- a system which has been developed on the basis of **open source** software and is able to run **autonomously as well as connected** with other command and control information systems;
- a system which is accessible for **test and validation** purposes on the internet.

*Personnel Recovery – Functional Area Service Advanced Technology Demonstrator*
What are the main benefits of using the PR FAS ATD?

- Provides a single source of all relevant information concerning a PR incident;
- Supports responsible command posts with high-speed gathering of all relevant information and making this information available electronically;
- Supports planners and controllers of recovery missions with numerous functionalities, such as map representation and map tools (improves PR situational awareness significantly), management of special instructions (SPINS), import of isolated personnel reports (ISOPREP); automatic creation of various standard reports in pdf format;
- Information is captured and displayed on a map; in various “boards” following the PR standard processes (report, locate, support, recover, and reintegrate);
- Supports experts in all necessary activities regarding documentation and verification of the incident.

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