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**NATO- BILC
Testing
Workshop**

**Sarajevo
BiH**

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- **Rationale for Revision**
- Feedback from BILC member nations identified several critical issues with the current scale:
 - Some outdated language-use contexts and insufficient coverage of modern environments.
 - Ambiguous descriptors that reduce usability and consistency across nations.
 - Limited representation of multinational, NATO-specific language use.
 - An inadequate French version, currently based on translation rather than original design.
 - Over-reliance on the “native speaker” as a proficiency benchmark, which is no longer considered pedagogically appropriate.



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- Levels, tasks, and functions unchanged from STANAG Ed 5
- Threshold performance defined (Base levels only)
- C/T/A and discourse features separated to eliminate overlap
- Descriptors sequenced across skills and levels
- Plain, operationally precise language throughout
- No native-speaker reference; focus on demonstrated proficiency & mastery
- Military, joint, multinational operational context incorporated
- NATO lingua franca based but applicable to LOTE-F



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Programme of Work

The revision is structured in three phased stages:

Phase 1 (2024–2026): Revision of speaking descriptors at all levels and Level 2 descriptors across all skills.

Phase 2 (2026–2027): Iterative expert revision and drafting of full base-level descriptors across all skills.

Phase 3 (2028+): Broader consultation with the BILC community, external experts, and stakeholders, leading to a final draft for Steering Committee approval (2028–2029).



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Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
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STATUS: Phase 1: Complete

- Revision of **speaking** descriptors across levels is complete
- Revision of **level 2 listening, reading and writing** is complete

Phase 2 : Current

- WG will gather very general feedback from expert reviewers here, during the poster session:
 - Goal is to validate and seek input on our approach;
 - Other consultations throughout the fall may be set up;
 - WG will continue to revise all skills and levels.



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Merci !

Thank you!