

Mark Bate – Chair/Vice-Chair candidate

Why Ideal Candidate?

Eighteen (18) years in the Royal Air Force including two NATO tours and the delivery of a national rotary wing collective training strategy. Seven (7) years in industry developing and delivering full risk transfer integrated turn-key flying training, latterly with Ascent as the UK MOD's Training Service Partner delivering one of the largest and most complex output-based programmes with constant-change valued iro £4bn.

What would you aim to achieve in the first 18 months?

Develop industry positions offering incremental and enduring options having baselined the problems through consensus, developed strategies to address, explored and understood different commercial models. Work to gain consensus and collaboration noting potential Sovereign and multi-national interests. Risk, control, and ownership of ecosystem models will be considered along with interoperability and synergies with pending national programmes such as FFLIT.

Greatest Risk to NFTE?

Lack of potential investment, political agreement, and coherence across partaking member states to support enduring campus solutions such as ENJJPTS (and previously NFTC) along with the lack of acceptance from lead nations / industry for each pipeline. The inability of industry to collaborate and / or agree on best value solutions noting national caveats, possible expectation of industrial participation, and existing systems which may align to future national or collaborative programmes (eg. GCAP / FCAS). Momentum must be maintained.