

In February 2018, EPRC participated in a JPR survey at Herat (AFG) in support of a Joint Italian Team.

During the change from ISAF to RS, the PR structure shrunk. The actual PR architecture in RS is slightly different from the “standard” NATO JPR one. The main entities for PR in RS are the JPRC and the CPRC-A (Consolidated PR Centre for Afghanistan), that is the primary JPR coordination cell in Afghanistan.

At TAAC (train advise assist command) level, that replaced the former regional division of the JOA, the JPR structure is composed of two elements: the PR Mission Coordinator (PRMC) and the PR Representative (PR Rep).

The PRMC's main task is to coordinate and assist the planning of a JPR mission.

The PR Rep is the JPR focal point at TAAC level. He/she is the administrator for ISOPREP completion, EPA development and other JPR/SERE related pre-mission preparation. Moreover, the PR Rep briefs all the newcomers about JPR.

The activity was mainly based on interviews with Italian Unit commanders and JPR key personnel. During the survey, Resolute Support (RS) JPR C2 structures and dedicated assets were analysed. The main topic of the survey was the training of the national contingent, both pre-deployment and in-theatre. SERE aspects were also taken into account, asking to each deployed unit the level of training and how the ISOPREP are managed.

Notwithstanding the changes from ISAF to RS and the differences from the doctrinal structures, JPR in Afghanistan is still effectively and properly manned and trained.