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## European Trilateral Track 2 Nuclear Dialogue

Performer: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Project Lead: Clark Murdock

Project Cost: \$200,000

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### Objective:

This CSIS Track 2 dialogue's objectives are to promote trilateral understanding and cohesion on nuclear issues, enhance scholarship on emerging challenges, and provide insight to policy makers, experts, and the public about the evolving nature and future of the U.S., British, and French (P-3) security partnership. The project will investigate challenging nuclear issues facing NATO in general and the P-3 in particular. Such an effort is increasingly important as new obstacles to P-3 unity emerge, both from internal barriers to policy consensus and external challenges. These include issues regarding U.S.-Russia arms control, nuclear proliferation in states such as Iran and North Korea, and the evolving situation in the Middle East.

### Approach:

The project will involve three meetings total, one in each P-3 member's capital. The first meeting will be timed to discuss and prepare for the 2015 Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference. A consensus statement will emerge from the dialogue and be signed by participants. In addition, CSIS will submit an analytic report summarizing results from the meetings and the qualitative differences and concurrences among the P-3 partners.