**Report on BILC Shared Item Bank Project**

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The BILC Shared Item Bank project was launched in the beginning of 2020 and the working group is comprised of language assessment experts from seven countries: Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. The main goal of this project is to create a bank of reading and listening anchor items for STANAG Levels 1, 2 and 3 in order to ensure that all nations using the STANAG 6001 Language Proficiency scale are normed in their interpretation and application of the standard, and that their items and tests are at the intended STANAG level. Testers from NATO and partner nations will be able to pick items from the item bank and include them in their own national reading and listening tests to serve as anchor items.

This presentation gives an overview of what the working group has achieved so far and introduces the next steps in the project. Also, testing teams from other nations are encouraged to contribute to this initiative by participating in the pre-testing of reading items.