



The exercise Compact Yellow was conducted from 3rd to 7th March 2008 at the Baltic Barracks.

Compact Yellow 2008 constituted part of the preparation process for the exercise Steadfast Cathode 2008, a NATO Communication Information Systems exercise. However, it was actually the first time when this type of exercise was organised. Previously, there were only signal exercises conducted in that area of interest.

The aim of the exercise was to train ADP (Automatic Data Processing) or IT (Information Technology) personnel coming from the German 610th and Polish 100th Signal Battalions, which belong to the Command Support Brigade, a formation affiliated with the Corps.

The main focus of the exercise was put on finding technical solutions. Maj. Stanek, a project director for the exercise, explained that the MNC NE members trained the personnel from both battalions in establishing connectivity in accordance with the NATO procedures. In practice it meant that they were installing workstations and servers in different domains specified by the classification of documents, e.g. NATO Unclassified, NATO Secret or NATO Mission Secret. Afterwards, they were trying to connect these different locations.

The exercise Compact Yellow proved that all teams were fully capable of working in such a setup that will be used during the upcoming NATO exercise Steadfast Cathode. A similar type of exercise is expected to be repeated in the future, however, not necessarily only as part of preparations for the NATO exercise but for example as training in establishing and running the

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