

Steadily forward: 45th Corps Committee Meeting

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On 28 February 2012, representatives of the Framework Nations met for the 45th Corps Committee at Baltic Barracks in Szczecin, for a cyclical session.

The first meeting of the Corps Committee this year was also the first session under the Danish chairmanship. Danish Colonel Knudsen took over the honours already at the end of the last meeting in November 2011. During this Corps Committee Meeting, Colonel Knudsen as the chairman was supported by two co-chairmen – German Colonel Dr. Tegtmeier and Polish Colonel Parylak. The Danish side will chair all upcoming Corps Committee Meetings in 2012.

The majority of topics raised during the 45th Corps Committee Meeting corresponded to those already initiated in previous sessions, an example of which can be the structure review. This time, the Framework Nations representatives got acquainted with the results of the January manning conference, during which the Corps' nations had bid for the posts within the new structure of the Headquarters. The Corps Committee members expressed their satisfaction with Croatia joining Multinational Corps Northeast as the twelfth member state. This has been perceived as a good example for other NATO and non-NATO countries to join in and/or to coordinate training efforts.

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An important point on the agenda was the document called 'Vision 2018' discussing the future of the Corps. The adjustment to new challenges and changes in the world as well as the Corps' pro-active approach were positively received by the Framework Nations which also supported the intention to strengthen the role of Multinational Corps Northeast in the NATO military structure.

As usual, the Corps Committee members were also provided with an update concerning the ongoing Training & Exercise cycle, which proved to be really busy and challenging. The training and preparation schedule for the Corps' next mission in Afghanistan in 2014 was also thoroughly discussed. The Corps Committee members appreciated the Corps' initiative to coordinate the mission preparation process with the NATO Rapid Reaction Corps – Turkey which, together MNC NE, will bear the responsibility to man the ISAF Joint Command in 2014.

The next Corps Committee Meeting will take place in Baltic Barracks in June.

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