

In the course of planning next year's main exercise

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On 6-7 March 2012, Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) successfully conducted the Exercise Specification Conference for the Crystal Eagle 13 (EX CE13) exercise with the participation of the German Armed Forces Command, 1st German Armoured Division, German Air Mobile Division, 12th Polish Mechanized Division, 10th Polish Armoured Cavalry Brigade, United States Army Europe, Multinational Military Police Battalion, Latvian representation and the MNC NE Command Support Brigade.

The purpose of the Conference was to coordinate the draft Exercise Specification document which is the core paper that describes the exercise overall aim, objectives, design, milestone planning schedule and Host Nation Support issues. The document will subsequently guide the complex exercise development process leading to the conduct of that event in Wildflecken, Germany, in April 2013.

Crystal Eagle 13 will be the main exercise for the Corps in 2013 and will offer a significant opportunity to train national formations in support of their complex ISAF mission Pre-Deployment Training (PDT) and any other training requirements the nations might have for their formations. The exercise will be supported by lessons identified and lessons learned from HQ MNC NE's recent deployment to ISAF mission supplemented with the lessons from ISAF theatre; everything to provide the best possible training output for Training Audiences.

Overall, the conference was a successful step in the preparation of the Initial Planning Conference for Crystal Eagle 2013 which will take place in May 2013 in Baltic Barracks

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