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Representatives of the Multinational Corps Northeast, NATO Command Structure, NATO Force Structure and partners met at Baltic Barracks on 22-25 October 2012 to solidify the requirements for training & exercise support in 2012/13, and make the forecast for 2014-2015.

NATO Biannual G7 Workshop was chaired by Assisting Chief of Staff G7 Division of Multinational Corps Northeast Lieutenant Colonel Olaf Werner, German Army, and co-chaired by Force Command Heidelberg along with representatives from NATO headquarters, commands, agencies and other institutions as well as from Headquarters United States Army Europe, Baltic Defence College and the Pearson Centre.

The workshop is traditionally conducted twice a year and provides an excellent opportunity to discuss, coordinate and synchronize training & exercise programs and activities, especially mutual training support to exercises, including vital ISAF mission Subject Matter Expert support to respective headquarters' ISAF pre-deployment training. Other subjects, such as NATO Forces Standards, Land Advocacy, long term rotation plans, Combat Readiness Evaluation issues, ISAF and NRF preparations and training & exercise related areas in support of a 'Smart Defence' concept, were also discussed.

Multinational Corps Northeast hosted 40 delegates over four days. The format of the conference encompassed an informative phase giving the NATO Command Structure the opportunity to inform on future requirements, which was followed by a discussion on how the NATO Command Structure can support the NATO Force Structure training & exercise requirements in the best way and lastly an internal NATO Force Structure mutual training support coordination. In addition to that there were a number of informative presentations delivered by guest speakers from the Baltic Defence College and Pearson Centre who were given the opportunity to promote their capabilities and offer training possibilities.

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