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**From 7 to 11 January 2013, the Comprehensive Operational Planning Directive (COPD) course was organised at the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) by the instructors from the Baltic Defence College.**

HQ MNC NE has been constantly looking for the possibilities of enhancing the Corps' personnel's knowledge about the Comprehensive Operational Planning Directive. This document provides guidance on the ways of planning in the framework of so-called comprehensive approach, used by NATO for example in Afghanistan.

Taking the advantage of a very close cooperation with the Baltic Defence College located in Tartu, Estonia, the Headquarters accepted an offer from its staff to organize a one-week course in the Baltic Barracks with up to 30 participants and teachers sent by that institution. These instructors were also supported by the subject matter experts from the Headquarters, who had passed the same course recently.

The intent was to improve skills of the students in order to prepare them as operational planners for roles of members of a so-called Joint Operational Planning Group, responsible for the Corps' planning activities.

The course was organized as a mixture of theory and syndicate work with the focus put on practical exercises while going through the subsequent steps of the planning process. This approach created an environment, in which the "planners" had a chance to learn from each other, exchange ideas, discuss and prepare final products following the COPD principles.

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As the course is normally conducted within two weeks, extended course hours were executed. Additionally, all the participants had to pass a so-called Advanced Distance Learning course and a test providing them with the basic knowledge and preparing for the COPD course itself.

Aiming at improving mutual relations with the Polish military institutions, representatives from the 2nd Mechanised Corps and the Air Operational Command have been invited and taken part in the course.

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