

## The Corps' integration live

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**With the idea of learning about Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), more than 20 students from the High Schools Complex No 5 in Szczecin entered Baltic Barracks on 24 February 2009.**

The students participated in a briefing on the Corps' tasks, history and structure delivered by Major Marcin Walczak from the Public Affairs Office. They also learned about the mission in Afghanistan the MNC NE personnel took part in 2007. During and after the presentation, the students could ask questions and discuss topics they were more interested in. As a matter of fact, service in a multinational unit as well as a soldier's profession as such aroused the greatest curiosity.

It is important to mention that the student had an opportunity to talk to one of German officers serving at the Headquarters, Captain Wolfgang Phillippi. His personal story is the best example of how foreign soldiers get integrated in the local community. During his tour of duty in Szczecin's Headquarters, he started a family with a Pole and they have got a daughter. The students asked several questions to Captain Phillippi, for example, how he communicated with his Polish wife.