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From 6 to 9 June 2011, the Chief of Staff of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Brigadier General Morten Danielsson and three other members of the MNC NE team went to Estonia in order to visit both the Estonian Defence Forces Headquarters in Tallinn, and the Baltic Defence College in Tartu.

The visit at the Estonian Defence Forces Headquarters in Tallinn was the continuation of talks which started during the visit of the Chief of Staff of the Estonian Defence Force Headquarters Colonel Riho Terras to Baltic Barracks in April 2011. Some of the topics discussed in Tallinn included future affiliation and exercise participation.

The visit to Baltic Defence College reestablished the contacts that previously had been between the Baltic Defence College and MNC NE. The meeting turned out to be fruitful since common ground for the future cooperation was established. More details concerning what and how the cooperation will actually look will be agreed on later on in the year during subsequent working-level visits.

It is always helpful to visit a country and its capital when the weather is fine. And with 30 degrees each day Estonia and especially Tallinn proved to be an absolutely fantastic destination. But certainly also the outstanding support from the Estonian Defence Forces helped pave the way for a smooth and successful visit that will improve the ties and cooperation between Estonian Defence Forces, Baltic Defence College and MNC NE.

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