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The Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg held a Strategic Conference on Counter Insurgency and Comprehensive Approach from 20 to 21 June 2011, in which among the participants from numerous headquarters around Europe was the Chief of Staff of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Brigadier General Morten Danielsson.

The highlight of the conference was a number of lectures delivered by Dr. David Kilcullen. He is the world's leading Counter Insurgency specialist, and an advisor to various governments and heads of states. During his lectures, he managed to tie the loop among the situation in and around Afghanistan, Comprehensive Approach and Counter Insurgency. Everything was backed up with a thorough understanding of history, economics, political science and raw facts.

On the second day of the Conference, representatives of the German/Netherlands Corps and Eurocorps gave briefings on how they had tried to operationalize the Comprehensive Approach at the corps level by making exercises involving civilian actors from the governmental and non-governmental area.

All in all, it was a fruitful and valuable conference, where useful knowledge was shared and acquired.

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