

## Recce in Nymindegab

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**From 4 to 6 July 2011 representatives of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) participated in fact finding trip to Denmark aiming at the preparation of the Main Planning Conference (MPC) for Crystal Eagle 2012 (CE 2012) exercise.**

The delegation led by Lieutenant Colonel Olaf Werner from Training and Exercise Division (G7) visited the Nymindegad Camp located next to Esberg, Denmark. The aim of the trip was make final arrangements for the upcoming Main Planning Conference for the Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise. The reconnaissance team consisted of not only HQ representatives but also personnel from Command Support Brigade, a unit subordinated to MNC NE.

The main idea of the visit was to assess and organise the available area within the camp in order to prepare the MPC. Starting from planning working places, through areas for social meetings, ending up with accommodation and dining facilities, they tried to thoroughly plan the conduct of the conference. The delegation also had a possibility to visit two other camps in the nearby: Varde and Oxburg which will also be used during MPC and, later on, the Crystal Eagle exercise. The final result of this reconnaissance was the decision about the infrastructural set-ups and locations for the conference.

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As a matter of fact, the MPC will be the next huge step forward on the way to the major Corps' exercise – Crystal Eagle 2012. The preparation of big exercises, like for example Crystal Eagle 2012, usually requires several planning conferences – initial, main and final – in order to plan and coordinate all aspects of the exercise as well as to share information among all parties involved. In case of exercises held outside the home base some planning steps can successfully be done in the Barracks but, for sure, physical presence in the actual place where the exercise will be organised is extremely beneficial.