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In the period 10-14 October 2011 Air Operations Co-ordination Centre (AOCC) from Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) conducted the Close Air Support Seminar 2011.

The objective of the Seminar was to share MNC NE experience from ISAF deployments and other missions on how the Air Forces can support the Land Forces Commander in the best possible way on the battlefield.

More than 90 representatives from 6 nations (Poland, Germany, Denmark, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia) were discussing aspects of Close Air Support from the land forces, as well as from the air forces point of view. The audience included forward air controllers, staff officers from the brigade/battalion level, fast jet and helicopter pilots as well as MNC NE personnel. Besides lectures and discussions mixed teams were also tasked to conduct a map exercise based on a fictitious scenario with the aim of integrating all assets (land and air) into one coherent plan.

Summarizing the Seminar, Chief AOCC Colonel Tomasz Nojmiler underlined the importance of the Joint Operations in the modern warfare stressing that the common understanding between

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the ground and air communities is the key for success.