



“A different way of team Building“ – that was the approach of Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) corps of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) for this year’s educational trip to Berlin from 15 to 17 November 2011.

The visit to the Reichstag, the seat of the German Parliament, was the first point on the agenda of this 3-day visit to the German capital. The guided tour gave everybody a good impression about the political work conducted in this House of Representatives. Most of the NCOs also took the opportunity to take a look from the glass cupola down to the blue seats of the plenary hall and the large federal eagle.

The briefing at the Ministry of Defence was given by Lieutenant Colonel Sembritzki who presented some detailed insights from the view of the commander of the Quick Reaction Force 5 in northern Afghanistan during the mission in 2010. Then the NCOs took the opportunity to lay down a wreath at the Monument of Honour in order to pay tribute to German soldiers, airmen, sailors and civilian employees killed on duty.

The second day of the trip started with a guided city tour of Berlin. Mr Christoph Prinz, a professional tourist guide, overwhelmed all the participants with his outstanding knowledge of the city and its history and made this tour an unforgettable event for everybody. Visiting the Checkpoint Charlie and the Wall Museum provided an impressive view on Berlin’s history as a divided city. During common dinner, the Non Commissioned Officers had the chance to discuss their thoughts and events of the day.

