



Twenty-seven officers from the Estonian National Defence College visited Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) from 11 to 13 December 2011 to take part in an educational programme.

Future company commanders and battalion staff officers as well as officers aspiring to higher military positions as well, all being participants of two advanced officer courses, spent three days in Baltic Barracks, taking part in briefings and vivid discussions. *'I think it is very important for officers to go abroad to see how things are done in different places to gather different experiences,'* underlined Lieutenant Colonel Mati Tikerpuu, the Commander of the Officer School in Tartu, who perceives trips of this kind very useful in future service. He also admitted that the MNC NE experiences gathered during the missions in Afghanistan, especially the cross functional team concept, sounded interesting and intriguing enough to come to Baltic Barracks to learn more about them. *'Everything that helps us to be more efficient and to come up with better solutions is worth at least investigating,'* Lieutenant Colonel Tikerpuu stressed.

It was an eventful visit with a number of briefings and discussions on experiences from

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Afghanistan, cross functional team concept, civil-military cooperation and many others. *'I am very satisfied with the trip; we have heard exactly what we came for,'* said Lieutenant Colonel Tikerpuu.

'What I like is that the discussions are open and everyone has a chance to ask questions; this way we come up with our own ideas,' he added.