The exercise Collaborative Effort II 2012 will soon come to an end and so will the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) support to this exercise. Collaborative Effort taking place in Tartu, Estonia, from 28 March to 2 April 2012 has gathered experts from Europe, the US and Canada, emphasizing the value of collaboration and experience sharing.

Lieutenant Colonel T. Tesch, Danish Army, and Major M. Fogt, Danish Army, were acting in the roles of Land Component representatives to the Joint Operational Planning Groups; Maj M. Karzmaczyk, Polish Air Force, was supporting the exercise participants with his Air Force expertise.

This exercise turned out to be visited by the highest number of guests in the history of the Baltic Defence College. During the exercise, planners of the Joint Operational Planning Groups (JOPGs) briefed a number of delegations including Swedish ambassadors, a delegation from the Leadership Academy (Führungsakademie) General Staff Course from Germany, the US Ambassador and delegations from military institutions around the Baltic Sea.

Referring to the exercise from the HQ MNC NE perspective, the Subject Matter Experts emphasized: *"Concerning the exercise itself, we do think that the Baltic Defence College is on the right track. The complexity of the scenario and Strategic Planning Directives inclusive legal issues created a very realistic exercise".*

In order to understand the complexity of the operational environment in Peace Support Operations, JOPGs were supported by an embedded United Nations planner. This time the role was taken by Mr. Chuch Royce – UN Civil Military Coordination Officer with impressive military and UN experience. His knowledge and comprehensive approach was indeed a way to follow for coming HQ MNC NE led scenarios to recognize the expectations, concerns and operational procedures of the civilian community.

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