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From 19 to 21 June 2012, delegation of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) participated in the Final Planning Conference (FPC) for the Sharp Lynx 12 (SL 12) exercise.

Sharp Lynx 12 (SL 12) exercise is the major exercise for the Multinational Military Police Battalion (MnMPBn) this year. Not because of the exercise size, but mainly due to the fact that during this exercise the MnMPBn will be evaluated according to NATO standards and – depending on the results – will hopefully achieve the Full Operational Capability status.

Representatives of the HQ MNC NE, together with military policemen from Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia spent three days in the base of the Croatian Navy. During the conference, participants were working in two groups responsible for operational logistic issues respectively. Simultaneously, the meeting of the Control and Coordination Group (CCG) – a supervising body for the MnMPBn – took place.

The FPC was the last step on the way to SL 12 exercise which would be conducted in Poland in

September 2012. Additionally, the way ahead for the further cooperation between MnMPBn and HQ MNC NE has been coordinated. And, finally, the first look into the year 2013 has been discussed and agreed on.

The MnMPBn is a multinational Military Police unit designated to provide NATO Force Commander with the military police support. It was officially inaugurated in 2007, however, already in 2004 the first working group meeting took place. Currently, four nations contribute to the battalion: Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland as a leading nation and Slovakia.

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