



## **Annual Security and Defence Forum**

of the Defence Committees of the Nordic, Baltic,  
Polish and German Parliaments

Szczecin, 22-24 April 2018

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# Programme

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**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**14:30**      **Arrival of delegations according to schedule (Denmark, Finland, Poland, Sweden) Flight LO3933 from Warsaw**

Transfer to Dana Business & Conference Hotel  
*aleja Wyzwolenia 50*

Check-in, time at leisure

**17:30**      **Passage to Westpomeranian Dukes' Castle**  
*ul. Korsarzy 34*

**18:00**      **Guided (English) sightseeing of Westpomeranian Dukes' Castle along with knights battle show**

Return to hotel, time at leisure

**20:35**      **Arrival of delegations according to schedule (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway) Flight LO3935 from Warsaw**

Transfer to Dana Business & Conference Hotel  
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Check-in, time at leisure

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**08:25      Arrival of Swedish delegation at Szczecin Airport and Deputy Chairman Mr. Wojciech Buczak. Flight LO3931 from Warsaw**

Transfer to Dana Business & Conference Hotel  
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Check-in

**09:49      Arrival of German delegation at Szczecin Main Station by train RE 66 (5800) from Berlin**

Transfer to Dana Business & Conference Hotel  
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Check-in

*Attention:*

As we won't come back to hotel until 18:00 please **dress comfortable (no skirts advisable)** as there will a ride on military vehicle and shooting exercise on simulation facility

**11:30      Departure by bus to HQ NATO Multinational Corps Northeast**

11:55      Arrival at HQ NATO MNC NE

**12:00      Welcome by the Commander (COM)  
Lieutenant General Manfred HOFMANN (German Army)  
with participation of Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. Krzysztof  
KRÓL (PL) and Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Per Orluff KNUDSEN**

**12:10      Intro by COM, promo video**

**Opening remarks by the Chairman of the National Defence  
Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Michał  
JACH**

**12:20      Tailored briefing:**

**- MNC NE roles and responsibilities in the region - 40'**

**- Baltic Region Security Briefing – 15'**

**- Questions & Answers**

- 13.25 Official photo
- 13.30 Passage to building no. 3
- 13:35 Buffet lunch**  
**Meeting with respective SNO (national officers)**  
Signing the Guest Book  
**Interview with Framework Nations Heads of Delegations (DK/D/PL)**
- 14:30 Farewell and departure by bus to 12<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division and 2nd Mechanized Brigade military facilities  
*aleja Wojska Polskiego 250*
- 14:45 Welcome by the Commander**
- 15:00 Briefing on history, tradition, structure and tasks of 12<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Q&A
- 16:00 Display of equipment
- 16:45 Transfer to Krzekowo shooting facility
- 17:00 Coffee break
- 17:15 Demonstration and shooting exercise on Śnieżnik Simulation Training Facility, ride on KTO Rosomak (*Wheeled Armored Vehicle "Wolverine"*)**
- 17.50 Farewell and return to hotel  
Time at leisure
- 19:15 Departure by bus to Matejki8 Restaurant  
*ul. Matejki 8, Szczecin*
- 19:30 Official dinner hosted by the Chairman of the National Defence Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Michał JACH (*business attire*)**  
Transfer to Dana Business & Conference Hotel  
Time at leisure

## Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

Breakfast in hotel in private

**Welcome** Conference Hall A of the Hotel

**08:30** Opening remarks by Mr. Michał JACH – Chairman of the National Defence Committee

### **Part 1:**

#### **Keynote address:**

**Security in the Baltic Sea Region – Polish perspective in European and Transatlantic context**

**Mr. Marek Łapiński (Retd. Gen.) – Undersecretary of State, Ministry of National Defence**

09:45 Coffee break

### **Part 2:**

**10:15 Hybrid war threats – Russian way for destabilisation in the region**  
**- Mr. Piotr Szymański – Research fellow – Centre for Eastern Studies**

**11:55 Closing remarks**

### **Buffet lunch**

12:00 Buffet lunch in the adjacent Hall B&C

Check-out

**13:15 Departure by bus from the hotel**

**14:55 Departures of delegations to Warsaw – Flight LO3934**

**15:17 Departure of German delegation by train (RB66 to Angermünde and further to Berlin)**  
transfer to Szczecin Main Station will be provided

## Members of Parliaments

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Mr. Rasmus JERLOV

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Deputy Chair  
Committee on Defence  
Swedish Social Democratic Party



Mr. Roger RICHTOFF  
Member  
Committee on Defence  
The Swedish Democrats

## Speakers – Day 1

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**Lieutenant General Manfred Hofmann** has been the Commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) since 13th August 2015. Lieutenant General Hofmann was born in 1954. During his military career, which started in 1974, he served on various positions within the Bundeswehr Personnel Office and Ministry of Defense being responsible for personnel matters. He commanded the 21st Armoured Brigade, and was also Chief of Staff of the Army Forces Command. Prior assuming the post at MNC NE, he was Deputy Director of the Federal Office of Bundeswehr Personnel Management in Cologne.



**Major General (PhD) Krzysztof Król** has been the Deputy Commander of Multinational Corps Northeast since 25 January 2016. During his professional career he served, among other positions in the Polish Land Forces Command. He has also gained wide experience in missions: he was a Company Commander in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, a Senior Officer in Regional Headquarters South in Kosovo and the Chief of the Operational Division of the Polish Contingent in Iraq. Prior assuming the position in Szczecin, Major General Krzysztof Król was the Commander of the Command Support Brigade of Multinational Corps Northeast in Stargard.



**Brigadier General Per Orluff Knudsen** assumed the position of the Chief of Staff on 25 January 2016. He joined the Danish Army in 1981 in the Jutland Dragoon Regiment. In his military career he served, among other positions, as a staff officer on the Balkans during UNPROFOR and as the Chief of Staff of the Danish Battle Group in Kosovo. He also gained more international experience as the Danish National Liaison Officer to the United States Joint Forces Command in Virginia as well as the Course President, Senior Course 125 at the NATO Defence College in Rome. Before joining MNC NE, he was the Commander of the 1st Brigade in Haderslev.

## Speakers – Day 2

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**Marek Łapiński** was born on 10 March 1963 in Zamość. He is a graduate of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin and the European Studies on Crime-related Problems at the University of Lodz.

In 2004, he completed the controller's training at the Supreme Audit Office. From 1993 (with breaks) he served as an officer of the Polish Border Guard. He was appointed as the Commander-in-Chief of the Border Guard on 31st December 2015. On 16th May 2017, he was appointed as the Brigadier General of the Border Guard.

Between 2002-2015 (with breaks) he worked in the Supreme Audit Office as the chief specialist of state control in the Department of Communications and Transport Systems. He served in the Office for State Protection. In 1998-2001 he was the deputy of the General Inspector of Customs Service. He co-created the "Customs Police".

He organized and supervised the operational, investigation, control and registry division, as well as archives and the forensic laboratory. He was chairman of the Departmental Adjudicating Committee for violation of the Public Finance Discipline at the Ministry of Interior and Administration.

He is the co-author of project of reforms for the Democratic Republic of Georgia, the security sector, internal affairs, as well as customs and tax control, which he prepared between 2002-2003.

In 1989, he finished military service in the Reserve Officer Cadet School. On 22nd January 2018, he was appointed as Deputy Minister - Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Defense.



**Piotr Szymański** is research fellow at the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW) in the project "Security and Defence in Northern Europe". He focuses mainly on security and defence policies of Finland, Denmark and the Baltic states as well as military cooperation in the region.

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