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Exercise "QUICK RESPONSE 2016"



Dear readers,

Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” completed in October, successfully allowed all contributing nations to be able to conduct larger Brigade Level Peace Support Operations should they be called upon. Training events took place throughout BiH leading up to the main phase of the exercise, in Manjača near Banja Luka. Over 750 troops and 70 supporting vehicles were based in the tented city and successfully conducted training and tasking injected by the Exercise Control Team. With a Brigade sized force, EUFOR hosted a platform for AFBiH and contributing nations to complete the larger enhanced scenarios delegated to them. Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” proves decisively that EUFOR along with our comrades from AF BiH and our reserves from EU and NATO nations are at all times ready and

able to respond quickly and effectively to any potential threat to Safe and Secure Environment in BiH. While this exercise is primarily designed to practice our contingency plans, the participation of units from Armed Forces BiH serves to showcase their forces’ significant progression in Capability Development and Capacity Building and their growing potential for increased participation in international peace support operations.

I would like to express my appreciation to the EUFOR Multinational Battalion (MNBN, comprising of Austria and the UK), Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH), KFOR (Portugal and Hungary) and the opposition forces provided by EUFOR’s Turkish contingent in making this exercise a success.

Major General Friedrich Schrötter

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A warm welcome to the 100th edition of EUFOR Forum!

2016 marks a significant landmark in the history of EUFOR Forum magazine. I am delighted to be part of the 100th issue of this now historic and important publication. You will find on the back page the front cover of the very first edition. I must extend my gratitude to Jasmin Zeherovic who has been the mainstay since the first draft back in January 2005 and tirelessly assisted me during the past 5 months.

September and October have been dominated by Exercise "QUICK RESPONSE 16", with EUFOR personnel from within Camp BUTMIR and around Europe participating. The Distinguished Visitors Day provided a live opportunity for AFBiH, EUFOR and our European partners to display their skills, and was attended by a large number of senior officers and press representatives. Please take time to read the articles contained in this edition about



the key part you all played to deliver a successful output.

Alongside this major commitment, during the past two months, EUFOR has also continued its work in CB&T and joint training. In this edition you will find stories on vertical construction in Derventa and combined training in Manjača.

Outside normal operations, in this issue you can also read about the sporting feats achieved by EUFOR soldiers during the Sarajevo Half Marathon.

Winter is upon us, Winter comes fast on the lazy!

**Lt Cdr Carl Harwood
EUFOR Spokesperson**

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EUFOR Swedish Flag down Ceremony



On 12 Sep 16 Commander EUFOR (COMEUFOR) Major General Friedrich Schrötter conducted the official Swedish Flag Down Ceremony in Camp BUTMIR. The ceremony was attended by the Swedish Ambassador Anders Hagelberg, Secretary Lissola, Col Wredes, Lt Col Toft and distinguished guests.

COMEUFOR said, "Sweden has a long and proud tradition and history of military service in support of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Thirteen Swedish Battalions served from 1992 to 1999. The first four battalions served with the United Nations Force and the other nine battalions served with NATO as part of Task Force Eagle. From 2004 to 2008 Sweden commenced support of Operation ALTHEA with a Swedish Support Unit of 70 personnel serving in Camp Eagle Base Tusla. Sweden also supported EUFOR Operation ALTHEA with Liaison and Observation Teams living and working in the local community and also with Mobile Training Teams sharing expertise in the areas of demining and handling of ammunition."

He added, "So while today is in some ways a sad day as we bid farewell to our Swedish colleagues, it is also a proud day of celebration for Sweden and EUFOR as we celebrate the significant contribution of Sweden to bringing peace and stability to the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

Medal Parade



COMEUFOR, Major General Friedrich Schrötter presents the EUFOR Op ALTHEA medal to EUFOR soldiers.

A medal parade was held 15 Sep at EUFOR Headquarters in Camp BUTMIR, Sarajevo. COMEUFOR, Major General Friedrich Schrötter, presented the European Union Common Security and Defence Policy Medal ALTHEA to 108 service personnel from 8 different nations and thanked them for their dedicated service in and for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"It gives me great pleasure to be here with you today, at the Medal Parade for 108 personnel of the Austrian, Bulgarian, Chilean, Finnish, Hungarian, Italian, Slovenian and Turkish contingents of EUFOR.", he said.

"The award of such a medal is the symbol of your service with EUFOR. The wearing of this medal is an outward demonstration of your commitment, and your Nation's commitment, to maintaining peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, to each recipient, the medal has a much more personal symbolism: In every case, it represents a sacrifice, of time away from family and friends, away from one's home in the service of peace. Each recipient of the EUFOR medal can be proud of his or her achievements, knowing that all have contributed in some way towards the success of EUFOR's mission." He added.

Medal recipient and parade Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Stephan Koutnik of the Austrian said, "I am so proud to have served my country on this operation. Working with other European Countries and Partner Nations has been very interesting and rewarding."

The EUFOR Operation ALTHEA is currently made up of soldiers from 15 EU member states and 5 partner nations. Its primary roles are to provide capacity building and training support to the Armed Forces of BiH and to support BiH efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment, whilst providing support to the overall EU comprehensive strategy for BiH.

Romanian Prime Minister visits EUFOR

Romanian Prime Minister Mr. Dacian Ciolos was welcomed by EUFOR Commander Major General Friedrich Schrötter on Friday, 21 October 2016. Upon arrival he was greeted by an honour guard from the Multi-National Battalion (MNBN) consisting of Austrian and Turkish soldiers. After an office call at the Headquarters COMEUFOR and the Romanian Prime Minister unveiled a memorial stone dedicated to a Romanian soldier who had tragically lost his life serving the mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

Romania currently contributes staff to the EUFOR Headquarters at Camp BUTMIR and runs two LOT houses (Liasion and Observation Teams), one in Banja Luka and another one in Cazin, where the Romanian teams maintain close contact with the local population.

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Romanian Prime Minister welcomed by COMEUFOR and honor guard

Visit of United Kingdom Vice Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant General Gordon Messenger

Friday 2 Sep 2016, Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Gordon Messenger CB DSO* OBE, visited EUFOR Camp BUTMIR during a 2 day official call to Bosnia and Herzegovina. After visiting the Training and Doctrine Centre Travnik (TRADOC) he was hosted by COMEUFOR, Major General Freidrich Schrötter and COMNATO Sa Brigadier General Giselle Wilz. Accompanied

by the UK Ambassador to BiH, Edward Ferguson and the Defence Attaché Lt Col Paul Marshall the delegates paid their respects

at the Camp BUTMIR British memorial with a wreath laying, before meeting the UK EUFOR Op ALTHEA Contingent. The UK



Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Gordon Messenger lays a wreath at the Camp BUTMIR UK memorial accompanied by the EUFOR UK Contingent and the BiH UK Ambassador Edward Ferguson.

Senior National Representative, Wg Cdr Jamie Miller, briefed VCDS on the UK contribution to the mission. HQ EUFOR Chief J5, Wg Cdr Ian Tripp went on to explain the importance of the UK contingent contribution to Op ALTHEA and the progress of the mission during his tenure.

Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”



On 25 Sep 2016 Commander EUFOR (COMEUFOR) Major General Friedrich Schrötter is pleased to announce the combined Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”. This exercise is the culmination of nearly two years of planning and will take place in the AF BiH military exercise area Manjača, near Banja Luka later this month. Troops will start to arrive today and will then move towards the Exercise Area.

The EUFOR Multinational Battalion (MNBC) has been working closely with Armed Forces BiH (AFBiH) combining training and shared skills and experiences which will be demonstrated during the exercise. Over 750 Soldiers from EUFOR MNBC, AFBiH, United Kingdom Intermediate Reserve Company and the NATO KFOR Tactical

Reserve battalion will work closely together in BiH. This regional exercise will also allow EUFOR and NATO Sa Headquarters to exercise command and control in a large scale exercise. The troops will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and experience of patrolling, escorting, convoys, MEDEVAC, extraction and evacuation. There will also be an opportunity to refine their specialist skills of Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Non-combatant Extraction Operations (NEO).



COMEUFOR announced “This annual exercise demonstrates to the people of BiH that their Armed Forces are able to work autonomously and in partnership with EUFOR and European partner nations in large scale exercises and military operations.”

UK troops arrive for EUFOR Exercise

25 September, saw the arrival of 120 British Soldiers as the first tranche supporting exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”. These soldiers will deploy to the AF BiH military exercise area Manjača, near Banja Luka later this week. An Antonov 124 cargo aircraft will deliver the 30 vehicles required by the British troops to support this annual exercise, 10 vehicles per flight.

The Antonov 124 is the world’s second heaviest aircraft able to deliver 150 tons of equipment, perfectly suitable for the rapid movement of vehicles across the continent. All supporting elements will be working closely



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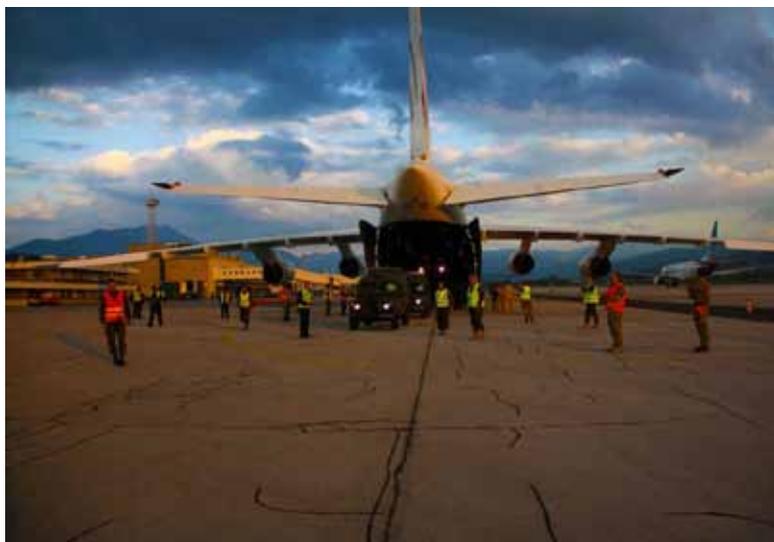
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Worlds second heaviest cargo plane lands at Sarajevo Airport

26 Sep saw the first of three Antonov 124 cargo aircraft, which will deliver the 30 vehicles required by the British troops to support annual exercise ‘QUICK RESPONSE 2016’. Approximately 10 vehicles plus cargo per flight will arrive at Sarajevo International Airport. The Antonov 124 is the world’s second heaviest aircraft able to deliver 150 tons of equipment, perfectly suitable for the rapid movement of vehicles across the continent. This strategic lift capability enables the UK Intermediate Reserve Forces to deploy at extremely short notice in response to the request of the BiH authorities, if requested to do so.

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KFOR KTM Deployment to Bosnia and Herzegovina Supporting EUFOR for Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”



COM KFOR Major General Fungo and the departing convoy from Film City Pristina Kosovo

On 28 Sep 2016 240 troops of the KFOR commenced their road journey to Bosnia and Herzegovina, through Montenegro in order to participate in Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”. KFOR participated in training with the EUFOR Multinational Battalion and Armed Forces BiH and European Intermediate Reserve Forces.

KFORs Tactical Reserve Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM) is stationed in Camp Slim Lines in Pristina. KTM's capabilities includes a wide range of security operations. KTM can be deployed anywhere in the theatre of operations and perform any task or mission for an unlimited period of time, being completely independent. The unit is commanded by a Portuguese Officer and the unit comprises both Hungarian and Portuguese troops.

KTM also acts as an “Over the Horizon Force” to reinforce the European Union Force (EUFOR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, if required. It is in this capacity that five separate convoys in multi-serial packets, consisting of the designated KTM exercise troops, departed from Kosovo this morning. The multi-faceted exercise will be conducted with over 750 Soldiers, which will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and experience.

Generals Meet in First Phase of Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”



EUFOR Officers welcome COMKFOR, General Giovanni Fungo, at EUFOR Camp BUTMIR, Sarajevo

After the deployment of his Tactical Manoeuvre Company KTM to Bosnia and Herzegovina 29 Sep, the Commander of the Kosovo Force KFOR, General Giovanni Fungo flew to Sarajevo to meet the Commander of the European Union Force in BiH, General Friedrich Schrötter.

Main issue of their meeting was the joint military exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” near Banja Luka, in which EUFOR troops and European Reserve Forces are training alongside Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Together the multinational troops exercise to support the civilian authorities of BiH in maintaining peace and stability in the region. After inspecting KFOR's rapidly deployed reserve force comprising 240 Portuguese and Hungarian troops, General Fungo headed back for Pristina.



Good pacemakers for their troops. With large steps the two fellow generals inspect KFOR's Tactical Reserve deployed to Sarajevo, BiH, on Oct 1st. Photo: COMKFOR Combat Camera

Brigade sized Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”

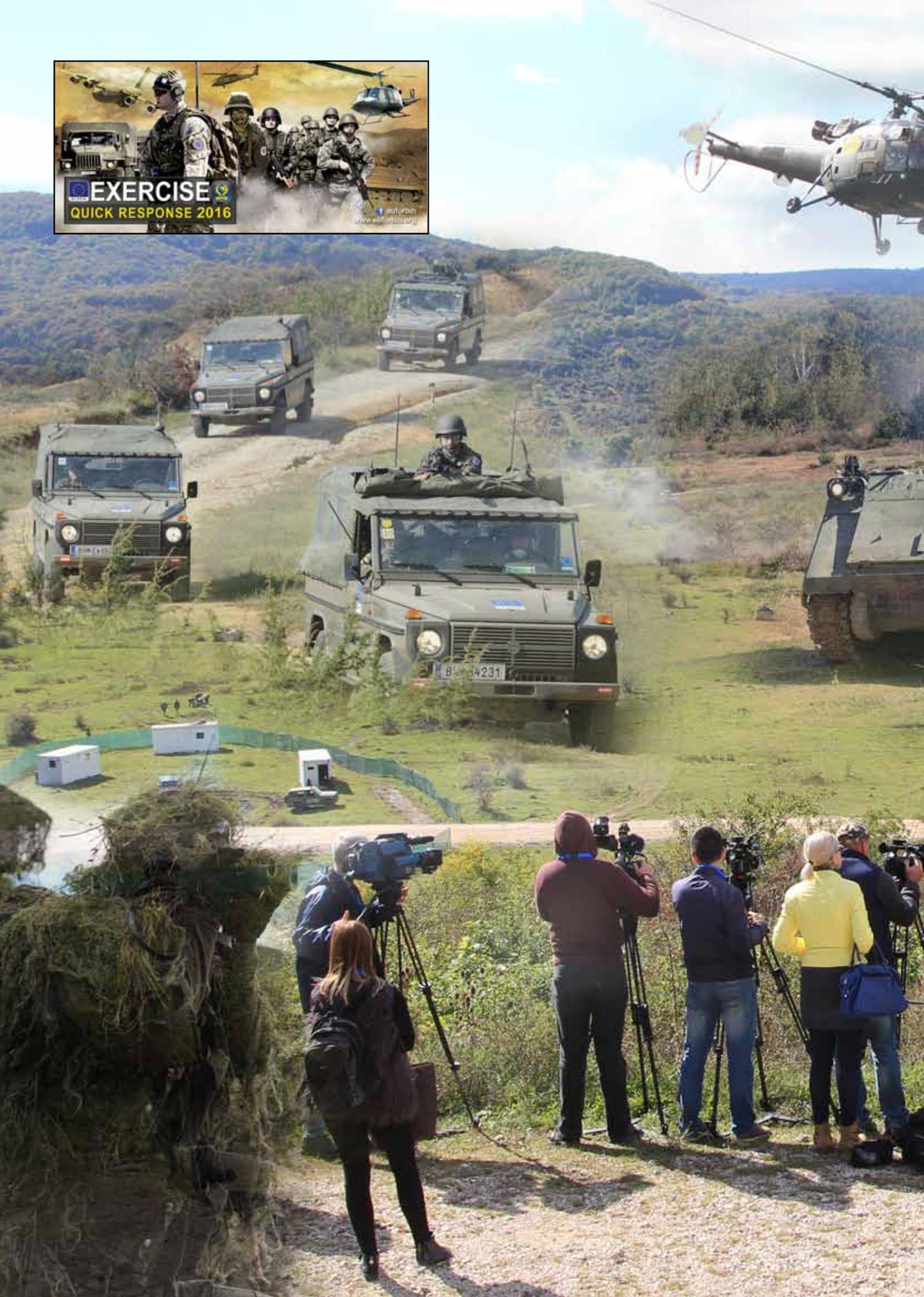
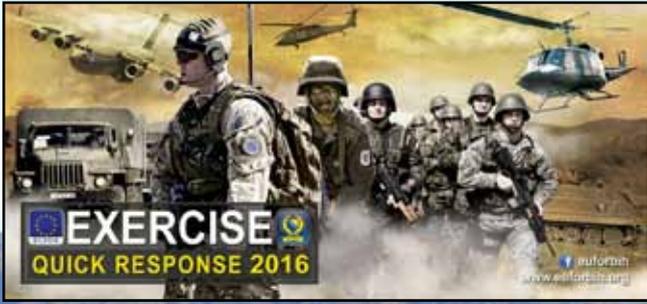
All reserve forces participating in Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” were successfully deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina and received at Camp BUTMIR, Sarajevo.

Many convoys have transited through BiH over the previous days demonstrating EUFOR’s ability to move troops quickly throughout the country. The UK deployed by air using an Antonov 124 cargo aircraft for strategic lift in to Sarajevo airport. EUFOR proving they can call in robust forces at short notice, as required.

Meanwhile all units, namely EUFOR’s Multi-National Battalion, a company from the Armed Forces Bosnia and Herzegovina, KFOR’s Tactical Manoeuvre Battalion comprising Portuguese and Hungarian troops and the British Intermediate Reserve Company deployed discretely to the large regional exercise area in Manjača near Banja Luka. Over 750 soldiers and 70 supporting vehicles are now based in the tented city and in the AFBiH’s Mika Bosnic barracks.

The Forward Operating Base (FOB), built by an Austrian Engineering Company, is now fully prepared for the co-ordination of exercise tasking by the EUFOR Exercise Control Team. This FOB will host all of the soldiers and contain the MNBN operations centre.







EUFOR completes successful Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”

COMEUFOR: “Forces at all times ready and able to respond quickly and effectively”

Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” completed successfully allowing all contributing nations to be able to conduct larger Brigade Level Peace Support Operations should they be called upon.

Over 750 troops and 70 supporting vehicles were based in the tented city and successfully conducted training and tasking injected by the Exercise Control Team. With a Brigade sized force, both AFBiH, EUFOR and the contributing nations were able to complete the larger enhanced scenarios delegated to them. Exercise QUICK RESPONSE 2016 proves decisively that EUFOR along with our comrades from AF BiH and our Reserves are at all times ready and able to respond quickly and effectively to any potential threat to our Safe and Secure Environment.

During the Distinguished Visitors Day (DVD), the representatives from AFBiH, EUSR and ambassadors of the troop contributing nations as well as other VIP’s witnessed the dynamic display in Manjača showcasing the training during the exercise. In a fictional scenario, the guests were able to watch VIPs escorted to a meeting under convoy protection and then civil unrest control before a small skirmish resulting in a medical evacuation. Reserve troops provided by 140 soldiers from AFBiH in M113 Armoured Fighting Vehicles quickly secured the area before an explosive ordnance disposal team secured the exit route allowing the VIPs to safely evacuate the area. From their vantage point the invitees were able to see the large support elements involved from air support, armoured vehicles from KFOR, sniper teams and a reserve company from the UK

rapidly responding to a request for support.

After the dynamic display Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark gave a press statement and said: “This exercise shows how EUFOR continues to play a critical role in BiH. I am particularly pleased to see the excellent co-operation and co-ordination between EUFOR and Armed Forces BiH and I welcome participation of professional soldiers from a wide range of EU Nations working together for a secure and stable Bosnia and Herzegovina.” This was followed by Lt Gen Anto Jeleč, Chief of Joint Staff of the Armed Forces BiH, who stated: “The relationship between EUFOR and Armed Forces BiH is important for overlapping of different synergies.”

COMEUFOR Major General Schrötter concluded by saying: “While this exercise is primarily designed to practice our contingency plans, the participation of units from Armed Forces BiH serves to showcase their forces’ significant progression in Capability Development and Capacity Building and their growing potential for increased participation in international peace support operations.” He added: “Large scale Brigade-Level exercises such as Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” prove decisively that EUFOR Forces along with our comrades from AF BiH and our Reserves are at all times ready and able to respond quickly and effectively to any potential threat to our Safe and Secure Environment.”



Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016”: Continuous support of EUFOR using Berlin Plus agreement



Gen Anto Jeleč, COMEUFOR and COSEUFOR salute their multinational brigade

Commander NATO Sarajevo: *“NATO committed to supporting EUFOR to ensure a safe and secure BiH under the Berlin plus agreement”*

Large scale Brigade-Level exercises such as Exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” show that EUFOR Forces along with partners from NATO and AF BiH, including Reserves are at all times ready and able to respond quickly and effectively to any potential threat to a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE) in BiH.

EUFOR were for the first time able to utilise the NATO KFOR Tactical Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM) from Pristina, Kosovo to the exercise area in Manjača, near Banja Luka. It is important to be able to demonstrate the rapid deployment of these elements made up of Portuguese and Hungarian troops arrived in BiH at extremely short notice utilising armoured and support vehicles.

In all, over 750 troops and more than 70 supporting vehicles were based in the tented city during “QUICK RESPONSE

2016”. This consisted of, EUFOR Multi National Battalion (MNBN) (Austria and the United Kingdom Intermediate Reserve Company), Armed Forces Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH), KFOR Tactical Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM) (Portugal and Hungary) and the opposition force provided by EUFOR Turkish Company. During the 5 day exercise they conducted combined training, sharing skills and experiences. This brigade sized force were tested in three main phases; first, the deployment, secondly by combined training and thirdly by re-deployment.

Continued awareness of the security situation throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina is a key issue for EUFOR as well as the European Reserve Forces. Whilst KFOR elements made their way through the southern part of the country, troops were then deployed to the North where the exercise culminated in combined training of all units in Manjača. During the final phase of the exercise, British convoys redeployed through northern BiH returning

to their parent units in the United Kingdom.

When a given crisis gives rise to an EU-led operation making use of NATO assets and capabilities, the EU and NATO will draw on the so-called “Berlin Plus arrangements”. It is through close co-operation with NATO and an agreement such as this that a complex larger exercise can be successfully achieved, augmenting forces required to achieve a SASE.

COM NATO Sa Brigadier General Wilz said: “NATO HQ Sa is committed to supporting AFBiH and integration in to Euro Atlantic structures, working in partnership with EUFOR to ensure a safe and secure environment exists within BiH under the Berlin Plus agreement”.

NATO support of EUFOR during exercise “QUICK RESPONSE 2016” included not only the NATO KFOR Tactical manoeuvre Battalion but also personnel, vehicles and infrastructure provided by NATO Headquarters Sarajevo.

Raising Consciousness at Community Levels

EUFOR contributes to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) by teaching Mine Risk Education (MRE). The objective of the MRE is to reduce the risk of the land mines and Unexploded ordnance (UXO) for all citizens. This is why LOT Houses spends a lot of effort in this regard. The United Nations estimates that over 3 million land mines have been laid in BiH during the four-year civil war. The time consuming, dangerous and expensive process of demining has already begun, but there exists a dire need for land-mine awareness to help protect the population.

On 26th July 2016, the Turkey LOT House from LIVNO Municipality, together with the local citizens who have been coordinated before, organized a MRE lecture for the fire fighters in TOMISLAVGRAD. Citizens are included to the lecture by LOT members because they are citizens who are collecting firewood or engaged in agricultural activities in this region should receive this training. Sometimes local people can even be useful for updating mine contamination maps, because they always roam on the land and they can observe the real situation. It may be able to live in a safer environment by collaborating with each other. During the lecture it was important for LOT educators to have basic knowledge about mines to be able to effectively teach MRE and respond to their questions. Mines are generally designed to injure and maim rather than kill. However, firefighters carry different kind of equipments or pressure tubes for fire fighting, the extent of the injuries is much greater. Then the information concentrated on mine recognition, what signs to look for and what to do if a mine was found. Although there was an underlying philosophy of living safely with mines, the emphasis was on escaping the problem. In BiH, the approach has been to learn to live safely with mines, to know where they may be and therefore be able to avoid them. At the end of the



education and coordination LOT gave them updated maps as usual. We – LOT, local citizens, firefighters and officials from the municipality- reviewed fields marked on the map whether the same seen in land.

In MRE several problems were identified and lessons learned from experiences with early MREs. Early programmes tended to focus more on technical information like the physical dangers posed by mines, types of areas where mines were most likely to be found, identification of mines, indicators of the presence of mines, mine avoidance techniques and what to do in a mined area. Programmes were not community based. Now there was plenty of co-ordination and sharing of information amongst agencies and organizations

working in this area.

Unlike before, the training not only created situational awareness about the land mines but also firefighters and LOT members were studied for

alternative intervention plan when the fire in an area close to mined areas.

In this study the local people who know the region declared their thoughts clearly. Some of them stated that: “ We stil have problems with the land mines in our country. The war has ended 20 years ago but unfortunately mines are stil on the land.” After LOT’s lecture, education and coordination; they thanked and they publish it on their website.

The legacy of land mines continues long after the peace accords have been signed. They lie and wait for their victims-unable to discriminate between a soldier on a military mission, a farmer harvesting his crops, a firefighter on mission or a child at play. We as a LOT House, EUFOR’s one of the Mine awareness officials and people’s neighbors, will continue to provide lectures who needs and reinforce education and raise consciousness at community levels.

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Vertical Construction Engineering course

Austrian-Slovenian Mobile Training Team (MTT) in cooperation with AFBiH Engineer Battalion conducted a two week course during 24 Aug-2 Sep16 to improve the AFBiH capabilities in Vertical Construction Engineering (VCE).

The course was arranged by MTT of five persons and participants consisted of 11 soldiers from AFBiH.

This VCE course was the second which was arranged. During first course in March the topic was handling and studying of safety regulations regarding to equipment also the storage facilities of the barracks were improved. This time the aim of the course was to build up an outdoor classroom. "Engineers of the AFBiH were highly motivated to work in order to build new facilities in their barracks." Course director, 1st Lieutenant Christian Scherling (AT) told.

During the first week the students constructed the foundation of the building using reinforced concrete and made preparations for erecting the ridge beam. In



the beginning of the second week the framework of the building was set up and construction was finalized by the end of the week.

This course was a good continuation of improving AFBiH engineers VCE skills and facilities. Training will continue in 2017 with two additional courses. Aims and contents of the courses next year will be adjusted according to conclusions of the 2016 training.

Course participants were also very satisfied for training. Working morale and enthusiasm for learning were very high during the whole course.

New EUFOR personnel receive Key Leader Training

From the 20-23 Sep 2016, new personnel joining EUFOR attended Key Leader Training, a course designed to give them the information about EUFOR that they will need during their time in the mission. 17 people attended the course, receiving a certificate of completion from EUFOR DCOS Support Colonel Zinovi Zinoviev.

Core mission knowledge

The Key Leader Training included presentations on the history and political situation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and



Attendees of 20-23 Sep Key Leaders Training Course

presentations from all the different sections of the EUFOR mission. The attendees were also given a detailed briefing on the mine threat within the country, and given a practical display on the risks. The course also included a city tour of Sarajevo and visit to the 'Tunnel

of Life' located near Sarajevo Airport.

Wider awareness

Speaking as he awarded certificates to the attendees, Colonel Zinovi Zinoviev said,

'It is crucial that every member of EUFOR appreciates not only the different aspects of EUFOR, but also the environment of Bosnia and Herzegovina. With the training you have received on this course you are now prepared to take up your position within the EUFOR ALTHEA mission'

Activity Of Delivering Festival of Sacrifices Aid



In recognition of sharing, Turkish Military Representative celebrated Festival of Sacrifice with Bosnian community. In addition of sharing good time with local people, aid packages were delivered to over 1000 families who were identified through non-governmental organizations. These packages were issued by Turkish NSE and Turkish LOT Houses in Zenica, Travnik, Zavidiovici, Jablanica and Livno on 14 September 2016, as part of its CIMIC activities.

100 packages (1 package consists of 6 kg of meat) were disseminated in front of the Communal Kitchen Sarajevo to its users, with the presence of TR SNR Colonel Abdullah OZKANTAR.

Director of the Communal Kitchen Mrs. Zilha SETA stressed of her happiness on behalf of corporation due to this generous aid, support and contribution.

Utilising this opportunity, Colonel OZKANTAR stated that Turkish Military Mission in BiH under the umbrella of EUFOR, will continue to provide best effort about running and involvement of CIMIC activities, beside thier primary duty of maintaining peace and stability in the region.

Consequently, everyone, involved with the activity, expressed their beliefs and hopes that the cooperation between Turkish Military Mission in BiH and Community. Kitchen will continue in the future as well.



Sarajevo Half-Marathon



Sunday 18 Sep 2016, the same day of Chilean National Day, saw the most important running competition in Sarajevo, the NGO Half-Marathon.

It was a foggy morning in the Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but this do not stop our troops from remaining positive and upbeat. Many EUFOR elements were involved in this race and congratulations to the first two EUFOR athletes: OF – 4 Ian TRIPP (UK Air Force) with a time of 1 hr and 28 min coming in 65th position overall and OF – 2 Jorge VASQUEZ (CL Army) with a time of 1 hr and 31 min finishing in 70th position overall.

Our relentless fight against obesity has been getting better in EUFOR over the last few months with lots of running competitions around the Camp.



COMEUFOR hosted Common Security Defence Policy (CSDP) training for Western Balkan region



From 3 to 6 October 2016, Austria and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) held the third module of the 10th CSDP training programme for the Western Balkan region. COMEUFOR Major General Friedrich Schrötter invited the course organisers and the participants to visit Camp BUTMIR (Sarajevo), the headquarters of the military operation European Union Force ALTHEA (EUFOR ALTHEA). EUFOR ALTHEA is a military deployment in Bosnia and Herzegovina to oversee the military implementation of the Dayton Agreement.

COMEUFOR informed the course participants from the EU member states and Western Balkan partners about the ongoing operation. In his statement, he also underlined the need for a continued presence of the international community,

in particular of EUFOR with its executive mandate, in order to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina in its transformation process.

BG Reinhard Trischak from the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports thanked COMEUFOR for the hospitality. He gave an overview of subjects currently under discussion in the EU and its member states, e.g. the European Global Strategy and

its implementation, as well as hot topics such as terrorism and migration. For the latter topic, he presented the new book by Austria and the ESDC on 'Migration – how CSDP can support'.

The European Security and Defence College was established in 2005, with the aim of providing strategic-level education in European Security and Defence Policy, now Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). It followed thorough need analysis and experimentation phases. The creation of the ESDC was to give the Common Security and Defence Policy a training and education instrument which actively promotes a European security culture.



24th Anniversary of G222 “Lyra 34” - Mount Zec

On the morning of Friday 2 September 2016 there was a sober ceremony of commemoration for victims of fallen aircraft G222 “LYRA34”, which crashed on 3 September 1992, on top of Mount Zec, in the municipality of Fojnica, Canton Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

The aircraft was carrying for the UN humanitarian aid from Zagreb to Sarajevo, in favor of local populations under siege, flying over a seemingly safe area, when it was hit by two ground to air missiles.

The Italian Contingent stationed in Sarajevo, consisting of LtC Maurizio Formisano, Maj. Giuseppe DeRosa, W.O. Romeo Tedesco and W.O. Alessandro Milioni, assigned to the mission EUFOR Op ALTHEA, and a LtC Fabio Linossi, assigned to NATO, organized the ceremony at the marble monument built not far from the crash site on Mount Zec, to a height of about 1700 meters, 40 km west from the Bosnian capital.

The inscription, engraved in granite, says:

“In memory of Marco Betti, Marco Rigliaco, Giuseppe Buttaglieri and Giuliano Velardi, Gold Medals for Valor, fallen because live the other - Heavens BiH, 3 September 1992”



The transcription continues in local language:

“... The 46th ITAF Air Brigade, in the wake of a heroic tradition of war and peace, consecrated

by the sacrifice of the crews fallen in the line of duty, he wrote stories of pages that make up the glorious heritage of virtue ‘military who have brought honor and prestigious Air Force and Italy ‘.

Among the authorities’ who took part in the commemoration, the Italian Ambassador in Sarajevo Dr. Ruggiero CORRIAS, who laid a wreath, and the Apostolic Nuncio S.E. Msgr. Luigi PEZZUTO, who delivered a speech of ritual and guided the present in a prayer.

There was also representation by EUFOR and NATO commands.

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Austrian National Day Ceremony at EUFOR Camp BUTMIR

The solemn celebration of the Austrian National Day on Friday 21 October 2016 saw remarkable attendance of high ranking visitors at Camp BUTMIR. COMEUFOR Major General Friedrich Schrötter emphasized the joint efforts by EUFOR and NATO HQ Sarajevo in contributing to peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, mentioning Capacity Building & Training for the Armed Forces BiH as a main effort on their way to a Euro-Atlantic approach.

Among the many distinguished guests H.E. Mr. Sinno Khaldoun represented the EU Delegation to BiH. The attendance by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH, Mr. Sifet Podžić and by Major General Husein Tursunović, Commander of the Support Command,



demonstrated the close cooperation between EUFOR and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

General Schrötter thanked the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to BiH, H.E. Dr. Martin Pammer for this consistent support to the Austrian EUFOR contingent as well as for his efforts in cultural matters.

The Military Band of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina greatly contributed to the ceremony by playing the impressive Austrian “Grand Tattoo” music composition together with the Military Band from the Austrian Province of Carinthia. In the framework of a military music training cooperation the two military bands form one joint orchestra and perform three concerts in BiH, namely in Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar.



COMEUFOR addressing the troops during military ceremony

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