

Ulsnes hosts JJJ Offsite - Joint Warfare Centre

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Air Marshal Walker, Director JWC, was joined with the Directors of the Joint Force Training Centre (JFTC), Bydgoszcz, Poland; and the Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Centre (JALLC), Lisbon, Portugal during the Offsite Meeting at JWC's Training Facility in Ulsnes, 18-19 April 2005. The Offsite Meeting demonstrated viable means of information sharing between the three Centres on their way to Full Operational Capability. The Offsite aimed to identify the roles and responsibilities between the elements of the three Centres, to effectively manage how they deliver their products and eventually, to develop a shared understanding that link the products to the training objectives of the Operational Commanders.

During the Meeting, the Offsite Participants coming from the three Centres and higher Headquarters, Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk, Virginia, were divided into two syndicates in order to merge the different lines of outputs into one seamless Status Report. This final product would identify the resources required for Full Operational Capability, form the basis for the structural development of each Centre and provide the base to develop the internal management of the JWC, JALLC and the JFTC. "I see the three Centres as one Capability," Air Marshal Walker stated during his Introduction, "We can declare Full Operational Capability when we can perform Military Committee tasks placed upon us which encompass Joint Experimentation, Interoperability, Doctrine Development, Training, Evaluation and Analysis," he added. According to BG Mueller, COS JWC, the Offsite would highlight priorities and challenges the three Centres face, while identifying the solution paths and envisioning their future capabilities. The three pillars of NATO's fundamental training, JWC, JALLC and JFTC were established as part of the new NATO Command Structure (NCS) at the Meeting of the Alliance Defence Ministers on 12 June 2003. Most recently, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SAC-T), Admiral Edmund Giambastiani, and Polish Deputy Defence Minister Janusz Zemke, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) on 13 April 2005, which established the legal framework for the JFTC.