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German, US and other national officers currently taking up command posts in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force mission in Afghanistan have benefited from an innovative training conducted by NATO's centres in Bydgoszcz, Poland and Stavanger, Norway.

The training was enabled by support from the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency. For the second time, two major training events were linked into one massive networked effort – Unified Endeavour, which prepares US officers going into the ISAF Joint Command in Kabul, Regional Commands East and Southwest, and a training event for German officers who will serve in Regional Command North.

While this added complexity and significantly increased the technical challenges of the event, the approach had a major benefit – the incoming commanders, who are already in the training phase interact with the same people they will be working with on the ground in Afghanistan, using the same scenarios, tools and applications. Prior to this new approach, each Nation trained separately and training staff played roles of other command levels.

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