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Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, French Air Force General Stephane Abrial visited Lithuania Tuesday March 10th, 2011.

During his trip, he met with the Minister of the National Defense of the Republic of Lithuania, Ms. Rasa Jukneviene and Major General Arvydas Pocius, Chief of Defense, where they had a discussion on Lithuanian Defense priorities. Necessity for multinational cooperation within the Alliance was underlined as illustrated by the NATO's current air policing in the Baltic States. "Here is a perfect example of Smart Defense" said Ms Jukneviene.



SACT stressed the importance of multinational training the interest of developing a full awareness on courses existing in NATO Nations, in order to highlight their availability and create opportunities for synergies.



Abrial also had an office call with Ms Asta Skaisgiryte Liauskiene, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, where they discussed Strategic issues like Afghanistan, Missile Defense and Energy security. The development of the recently established Energy Security Centre in Vilnius was discussed. "The energy issue is not just a political and economic challenge, it is also a security challenge and it has become a legitimate issue of debate in our alliance. Therefore, you have the full support of ACT." said General Abrial.

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