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The 2013 NATO Training Synchronisation Conference concluded Thursday 24 January after nearly 180 participants from over 36 countries had gathered for the event in Riga, Latvia. After 3 days of extensive discussions and collaboration, participants should walk away feeling that the time and effort was well worth it.

Many important results came out of the conference to include the NATO Nations endorsing the draft Military Training and Exercise Programme (MTEP) 2014-2018, the unveiling of the new electronic individual training and education programme (e-ITEP), numerous Nations offering to host future exercises, and even consensus on several key decisions. Additionally, feedback from Nations was also very supportive of the move of the electronic MTEP (e-MTEP) to the NATO Unclassified network, allowing greater coordination.

The TSC continues to prove its importance in moving NATO forward toward managing education and training in a more efficient and effective manner. German Air Force Lieutenant General Karlheinz Viereck, Joint Force Trainer Deputy Chief of Staff for NATO Allied Command Transformation, reiterated the importance of the event. "This is the most important education and training meeting we have during the year," he said. "It is the synchronisation conference to have a holistic approach between the education side, the training side, and the exercise side."

This year, the conference was hosted in Latvia where the Acting Latvian Chief of Defense, Brigadier General Juris Zeibarts, acknowledged the event's importance. "The TSC is essential to Latvia and it contributes a great deal to our own Armed Forces.. it's all about sharing ideas with others," he said.

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The conference was divided into two separate sub-conferences each lasting about a day and a half. On Tuesday and part of Wednesday, participants took part in the combined education forum and the NATO Individual Training and Education Conference (NITEC). The second portion of the TSC consisted of the NATO Training and Exercise Conference (NTEC).

The conference also saw the unveiling of the new NATO training management system, called e-ITEP, where national training representatives can access training requirements, courses, and many other resources. The e-ITEP system resulted from a collaborative effort between NATO and Industry (specifically Raytheon Professional Services).

The TSC remains the primary venue for NATO, Partner Nations, and other stakeholders to discuss the current education and training activities, but also future initiatives. The TSC helps to maintain those critical connections between all education and training stakeholders.

Further detail on the Individual Training and Education Programme (ITEP), along with the e-ITEP can be found at [e-nato.act.nato.int](http://e-nato.act.nato.int) .

### **Training Synchronization Conference 2013, January 22-24 2013**

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