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Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Polish Army General Mieczysław Bieniek recently visited Ireland to discuss the country's future cooperation with NATO Allied Command Transformation, Cyber Defense, Missile Defense and Energy Security program with the Irish Chief of Defence, Lieutenant General Sean McCann.

"I believe that exchanges with our Irish colleagues and their involvement in the Alliance's work on the Comprehensive Approach and C-IED will be mutually beneficial to all of us," said Bieniek.

Apart from discussions with the Chief of Defense, Bieniek was offered an extensive series of briefings on Ireland's Structure of Defense Forces (DF), DF current Issues, Partnership Programs, and the transformation of Ireland's DF.

Ireland is a Partnership for Peace (PfP) nation that has a DF that is organized into two sub-categories, the Permanent Defense Force (PDF) and a Reserve Defense Force (RDF). The PDF consists of the Army, the Air Corps and the Naval Service. Of these forces, over 500 personnel are currently deployed to both UN and NATO-led missions.

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