

SACT visits Iceland - ACT

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General Stephane Abrial, recently completed the first official country visit to Iceland from a SACT on 14 September as part of his on-going plan to visit every NATO nation during his tenure at ACT.

During this visit, SACT called on Mr. Össur Skarphéðinsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Hermann Örn Ingolfsson, Director General of the Directorate of International and Security Affairs. Noting that Iceland is the only NATO nation with no standing military forces, SACT also participated in talks at the Icelandic Coast Guard (ICG) Headquarters.

During the course of the day, SACT had detailed discussions on matters relevant to Iceland and her contributions to NATO, ACT activities and on-going NATO operations. At the ICG HQ, SACT was made aware of the many missions under the ICG's mandate and given a tour of the facilities responsible for Iceland's contribution to NATO's Integrated Air Defence System.

With a willingness demonstrated for greater cooperation on both sides, SACT thanked Mr. Skarphéðinsson, noting these country visits were of "great importance", as they enable SACT to get a better "vision of nation's interests".

Before departing, Gen. Abrial indicated his pleasure with the productive talks and his impressions from this very fruitful visit and looked forward to increased cooperation with Iceland and ACT.