



"Chicago Summit – a Game Changer for NATO and Industry" – this was the theme of this year's NATO Industry Day conference. For the first time the event was co-hosted by NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT), French Air Force General Jean-Paul Paloméros, and Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment (ASG DI), [Mr Patrick Auroy](#).

Also the Joint Force Training Centre Commander, Major General Pavel Macko, took part in the conference to present the Centre's training abilities. The event was held in Riga, Latvia, on 15 and 16 October.

Approximately 350 senior military and industry leaders arrived in Riga to discuss and explore new possible ways of dealing with nowadays' global threats with proper means but without straining defence budget. The talks were a response to the challenges outlined during the NATO Chicago Summit. The participants addressed crucial issues during breakout sessions and discussion panels devoted to individual aspects.

The JFTC Commander participated in the "Immersive Training Environments" breakout session. He presented the JFTC perspective on the future training and focused on the Joint, Multilevel Integrated Distributed Training. As an example he mentioned the successful series of Regional Command North / Unified Endeavor distributed training. He also introduced the audience to the JFTC simulation tools and capabilities in support of NATO training and explained their exceptional and tremendous role in preparing NATO soldiers to their missions. Together with

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the Allied Command Transformation Joint Force Trainer Team he helped to answer multiple questions regarding criteria, standards and cycle of the NATO training.

The NATO Industry Day paved a new way for strengthening of the NATO – industry relationship. "*The key condition to success remains our collective willingness to act together to promote innovative and lasting solutions to adapt the Alliance to the many game changers of this 21st century*" - said General Paloméros.