



Lieutenant General Gilles Fugier, the Commander of the Rapid Reaction Corps (RRC) France, met with the Joint Force Training Centre's authorities to learn more about the Centre's training experience and to explore its potential. The visit took place between 19 and 20 September.

General Fugier arrived at the JFTC accompanied by Brigadier General Philip Van Impe, the Deputy Chief of Staff Training and Rear Support of the RRC and Colonel Etienne Champeaux, the French Military Attaché to Poland.

After a warm welcome by the JFTC Commander, Major General Pavel Macko, the guests had a chance to see the whole training facility. As the future Commander of the NATO Response Force Land Component Command, General Fugier was especially interested in the Centre's capabilities, training conditions and know-how. During meetings with the JFTC officers representing the Centre's Training Division and Training Support Division, he discussed various topics including issues related to the Functional Area Systems Training. The RRC France Commander was also very interested in information provided by the JFTC staff concerning possible ways of plugging the national RRC France systems to those of the JFTC and NATO.

The two day visit in Bydgoszcz was very intensive and also very productive. At the end, General Fugier expressed his appreciation for the Centre's work and thanked for '*very interesting briefings and fruitful visit*'

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