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Members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy visit the NSB

Friday, 20 May 2011. The Deputy Head of the NSB - Zdzislaw Lachowski, PhD met with the members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy who came from Germany.

During their visit in the NSB the visitors became acquainted with the structure and rules that govern NSB's functioning. They also learned about scope of responsibilities of individual departments and their current goals.

The visitors and hosts discussed the priorities of Polish presidency of the Council of the EU that apply to the Common Security and Defence Policy, cooperation between the EU and NATO, Polish Eastern policy and MD shield.



Members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy came to Poland for two days (20 and 21 May) on the basis of their yearly field trip, which was aimed at familiarising with Polish institutional system and directions of Polish foreign policy, particularly with security and defence issues.

Since 2005, the Körber Network Foreign Policy has gathered an exclusive group of young foreign-policy professionals from the offices of Members of the German Parliament, the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Defence as well as from embassies and think tanks located in Berlin. Chosen on the basis of personal recommendations, the participants of the Network regularly discuss challenges to German and European foreign and security policy with decision-makers and specialists. This open exchange of views is designed to transcend institutional barriers and stimulate the evolution of common foreign and security policy ideas.

Once a year, the group embarks on a field trip in order to become acquainted with the hot spots of international politics on the ground. On these trips, the participants talk to high-ranking representatives of governments and international institutions, as well as to practioners "on the ground" in peace missions, military structures, or large economic projects. The members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy visited Belgrade and Pristina in 2005, Georgia (and Abkhazia) in 2006, Iran in 2007, Ukraine in 2008, Syria and Lebanon in 2009, and Kazakhstan in 2010.

Members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy will also take part in the Munich Young Leaders Round Table on Security Policy.

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