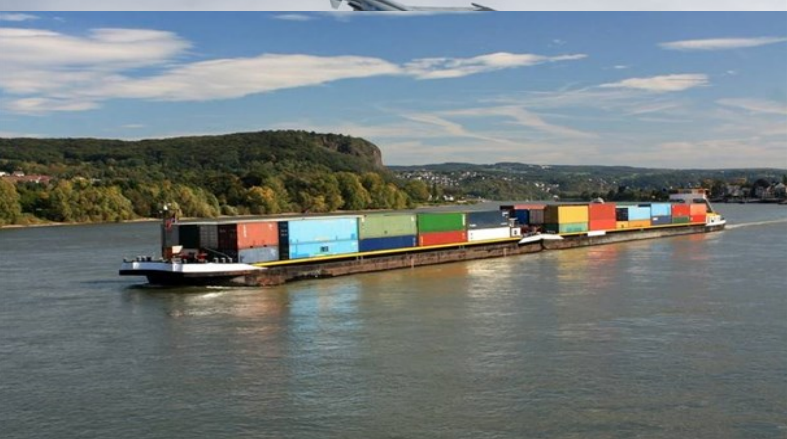


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Director MCCE

Dear readers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our newsletter N.24 - Fall 2024.

Since last newsletter, published in September 2023, and after our annual report 2023 published last March, in this short publication you can find a general update on current activities in MCCE.



Despite the constantly changing geo-political context worldwide, and despite the multiple and challenging military activities conducted by MCCE Participating Nations, our organization has proved, once again, to be a reliable, efficient and effective network in the realm of military mobility.

The massive participation of National representatives in our ops meetings, the warm welcome always offered by MCCE Nations during our national engagements, and the interest demonstrated by partner organizations and other Nations, give us the strong motivation on keeping all maximum effort to support MCCE Participant Nations the best way we can.

ATARES and SEOS exchange service mechanisms, and the possibility offered to Nations to cross-exchange services between the two systems, have granted more and more flexibility to MCCE Nations, proving, once again, that this visionary idea started in 2001 is still a great success.

In fact, all MCCE Participant Nations are also ATARES partner, whilst almost all of them are SEOS partners (Australia joined SEOS in March 2024).

Not only MCCE reputation is high in the realm of military mobility, but also in cooperating with Partner Organizations like NATO-EU-JAPCC-MLCC and many others. Great consideration has been given to MCCE in its effort of supporting Nations in LOGFAS training, whilst MCCE closely cooperated with MLCC (Multi-National Logistic Coordination Centre) in order to support the preparation and the execution of Exercise COLO 24 (Connected Logistician 2024), where MCCE was among the core planning team. In supporting COLO 24, MCCE provided 77 certified courses, whilst, during execution, MCCE granted its support with a qualified instructor in addition of two other officers acting as M&T chief and AT mover.

Notwithstanding these successes, more and more opportunities could be there for MCCE and its Participant Nations if MCCE was provided by greater visibility and involvement by its Nations.

Finally, some other Nations have recently shown interest in MCCE services, proving that MCCE concept, after 17 years of service is still innovative, affordable and beneficial for its participants.

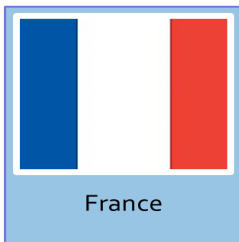
MCCE will continue to strive, as always, for providing the best service to its Nations, based on mutual support and cooperation among MCCE Participants.



MCCE Participant Nations

Welcome New Zealand!

In March 2024 MCCE welcomed New Zealand as its 30th Participant Nation.



Directorate events

20 - 21 MARCH 2024

4th MCCE NMCC Commanders Forum

The Oirschot Army Base played host to the 4th MCCE National Movement Coordination Centre Commanders Forum on 20-21 Mar 2024. Forty-eight participants from MCCE Nations, staff, and from NSPA and SALCC partners attended the conference.

The forum gave participants an opportunity to share upcoming national plans, projects, and potential requirements with the MCCE community. Open discussions examined potential roles and need for MCCE along the operational spectrum, including during crisis, in the many current and emerging regions of interest. Participants also had the chance to renew existing friendships and build new contacts with network partners.

Thanks to our Dutch hosts and MCCE Plans staff for their support and organization of the Forum, a key event for fostering cooperation and reinforcing the MCCE network.



Directorate events

09 - 10 APRIL 2024

33rd MCCE Working Board in Bratislava

The 33rd meeting of the MCCE Working Board was held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 9-10 April 2024. This Working Board took place in conjunction with the 41th SALCC and 49th MSSC meetings. Participants from 23 MCCE nations sent representatives to Bratislava.

Led by the Estonian Working Board Chair, the participants discussed possible update of the MCCE Technical Arrangement, Strategic guidance for MCCE and a suggested extension of current Mission Directive (MD 24/25).

Before the WB, the SAWG with its new UK chair had discussed several current topics and presented its recommendation and outcome for the WB.

12 JUNE 2024

18th MCCE Steering Board in Ottawa



Representatives from the MCCE Participant Nations gathered in Ottawa, CAN on 12 June 2024 for the 18th MCCE Steering Board (SB) meeting.

As well as receiving routine updates, the SB Chairperson and meeting participants examined the issues of the MCCE strategic way ahead, policy for the next years, and deliberated on proposals for an updated MCCE Technical Arrangement.

Strategic guidance discussions will continue through upcoming Working Groups and MCCE meetings to establish the updated policy for the MCCE.

In addition to thanking our Canadian hosts for the wonderful support, The Board participants said farewell to SB members representatives that will move on to assignments, and also thanked our Canadian hosts for their wonderful meeting support.



CALENDER OF KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

17-19 Sep 2024, London (GBR)	Fall 2024 Standard Advisory Working Group
04-06 Nov 2024, Riga (LVA)	34th Working Board
17-21 Feb 2025, Paris (FRA)	Spring 2025 Standard Advisory Working Group
08-10 Apr 2025, Eindhoven (NLD)	35th Working Board
11 Jun 2025, Budapest (HUN)	19th Steering Board
22-26 Sep 2025, Stuttgart (DEU)	Fall 2025 Standard Advisory Working Group
28-30 Oct 2025, Denmark	36th Working Board



OPS events

31 JANUARY - 01 FEBRUARY 2024

SEOS and ATARES Coordination Boards

The meetings of the 2024 SEOS Coordination Board and the ATARES Coordination Board were held in Eindhoven from January 31 to February 1, 2024.

During these annual meetings the national representatives voted on the points required by SEOS and ATARES technical arrangements. This was also an excellent possibility for the participants to discuss various possibilities of paying for air, land and sea related services.

Special focus was put on the cross-exchange between SEOS and ATARES credits – the mechanism which allows the conversion between air credits to surface credits, or surface credits to air credits for payment of provided movement & transportation services.



26 FEBRUARY - 01 MARCH 2024

46th IST Ops and 73rd SCC Meeting

The 46th IST Ops Meeting and 73rd SCC Meeting took place in Luxembourg from February 26, 2024, until March 1, 2024. A total of 18 out of 30 MCCE PN representatives participated, representing their respective nations.

During the meetings, discussions focused on national challenges and lessons related to inland surface and sea transportation. Attendees also received updates from various organizations, including the Multinational Medical Coordination Centre-Europe (MMCCE), the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA), the Joint Enabling and Support Command (JSEC), and a representative from the PESCO-Project Network of LogHubs in Europe and Support to Operations. These presentations covered current projects, challenges, and future activities.

Participants actively engaged during the meetings, networking during breaks, and social events, providing valuable insights and perspectives. The results of the 46th IST Ops Meeting and 73rd SCC meeting underscore the importance of in-person gatherings.

These face-to-face interactions fostered stronger relationships, facilitated open discussions, completing requests and offers, and allowed for the exchange of ideas beyond what can be achieved through virtual communication alone.



OPS events

The meetings not only enhanced collaboration but also built trust and camaraderie among colleagues. It's a reminder that behind the roles and responsibilities lie real individuals with diverse perspectives and experiences. As the saying goes, "A handshake is worth a thousand emails."

Lastly, the MCCE IST and ST cells expressed their gratitude to Luxembourg for their excellent hosting and organization of the meetings.



19 - 20 MARCH 2024

30th MCCE AAR OPS Meeting

The 30th AAR OPS Meeting took place in Zaragoza (ESP) on the 19th and 20th of March 2024.

32 participants from 9 MCCE Participant Nations (DNK, ESP, ITA, FRA, SWE, TUR, FIN, BEL and POL) and 9 military and civilian organizations (MCCE, NATO AIRCOM, DACCC, CAOUC Udem and Torrejon, METREA, AIRBUS and EMBRAER) attended the meeting.

The meeting gave an opportunity for all the participants to share their national plans, projects, and challenges. They also discussed standards and procedures, and future activities related to Air to Air refueling. Participants actively engaged in conversation and analysis during the meetings, increased networking contacts during breaks and side events, which provided valuable insights and perspectives.

Thanks to the Spanish Air Force Command for hosting and organizing an excellent event, providing the essential foundation for a successful meeting.



OPS events

15 - 19 APRIL 2024

Combined Air Transport Ops Meeting



From 15 to 19 April, Tampere, Finland hosted a landmark event in the Air Transport community – the Combined AT OPS Meeting. This gathering brought together professionals from HAW, MCCE, and SALCC. With 25 attendees for the HAW meeting, 49 for the AT Ops meeting, and 33 for the SALCC meeting, the event drew a total of 53 delegates, representing 22 nations.

The meeting commenced with a warm and gracious welcome from the Finish hosts, setting the tone for collaboration and camaraderie, amidst the backdrop of Tampere’s picturesque cityscape. A special tribute was extended to Kimmo Kupias, a distinguished member of the AT community, who is set to retire soon.

Beyond the confines of formal discussions, delegates gained the opportunity to network, bond, and share ideas & experiences along with the traditional Finnish sauna. As the Combined OPS Meeting drew to a close, delegates departed with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to advancing Multinational Cooperation

10 - 13 JUNE 2024

47th IST Ops and 74th SCC Meeting

The 47th IST Ops Meeting and 74th SCC Meeting were held in Riga, Latvia, from 10-13 June, 2024. Nineteen of the 30 MCCE member nations participated, with a total of 53 representatives in attendance. Participants discussed possibilities and challenges related to inland surface and sea transportation.

Representatives from organizations such as the International Donor Coordination Centre (IDCC), NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU) Poland, Latvian Railways, and Lithuanian Railways presented their procedures, challenges, and potential cooperation with the MCCE community. Furthermore, the Latvian MoD and BIMCO gave presentations. Networking and discussions during breaks and free time facilitated multinational coordination, highlighting the importance of in-person gatherings. These interactions proved invaluable, generating new cooperations and initiatives that can’t be replicated virtually.

The MCCE IST & ST Cells express their deep gratitude to the Latvian hosts for their hospitality and excellent organization of the meetings.



10 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

9th Customs Workshop

The 9th Customs Workshop took place from 10 to 12 September 2024 at Luftwaffenkaserne Köln-Wahn in Cologne, Germany. The event brought together 44 delegates from 17 nations, as well as key representatives from the European Defence Agency (EDA), NATO, the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA), and Cybernetica.

The workshop focused on national challenges and lessons learned regarding the harmonization of commercial customs regulations with the doctrine and requirements of strategic military mobility. This alignment is essential to streamline and expedite military procedures.

In addition to national updates, the participants received insights from international organizations such as NATO, EDA, NSPA, and Cybernetica. Discussion topics included:

- Updates on the EDA customs program.
- Progress on the SDMMDS project, particularly the digitization of the European Form 302.
- National challenges regarding the legal application of Form 302.
- Obstacles to military mobility related to customs regulations.

In addition to strengthening collaboration, the workshop fostered trust and camaraderie with Attendees actively participating in discussions to enhance future collaboration and overcome national barriers. The excellent Networking opportunities during the breaks and social events offered valuable perspectives and fostered deeper connections.

The outcomes of the 9th Customs Workshop emphasized the importance of in-person engagement. As Chairman Michel Vink remarked in his opening statement, “Sharing experiences and knowledge on a working level” is more than just a slogan—it is a tangible goal that yields significant results.



The MCCE IST Cell and the Customs Workshop Advisory Group expressed their appreciation to the Canadian Operational Support Hub Europe for their outstanding hosting and facilitation of the event.

MCCE external visits

12 - 13 MARCH 2024

MCCE visit to Sweden

In order to foster the MCCE links and relationships with National representatives and to keep and increase the level of cooperation, MCCE Directorate engages leadership of Participating Nations (PNs) on a regular basis. Main aim of these engagements is to identify new possibilities for Nations and, in accordance with current Mission Directive, to support PNs to benefit more from the usage of the MCCE/ATARES/SEOS programs.

The visit to Sweden was very fruitful. MCCE met with the M&T key players at the Defense staff, Joint Force Command and at the airstaff. MCCE is looking forward to continuing to work with Sweden and support with its service.



15 - 16 MAY 2024

MCCE Visit to the Portugal

The Deputy Director MCCE led a recent engagement meeting with the Portuguese Joint Operations Command (Comando Conjunto para as Operações Militares – CCOM) in Lisbon. Over 2 intense days of briefings and in-depth discussions the team explored various options and opportunities with the CCOM staff and representatives from the Portuguese Navy, Army, and Air Force.

Of note were the options for Cross Exchange between SEOS and ATARES which would allow Portugal to take full advantage of their operational capabilities.



MCCE external visits

The introduction of the KC390 to the Portuguese inventory adds a significant capability in the Air domain; Portugal will be the front runner within MCCE for this aircraft type and thus pave the way for what is expected to be 6 MCCE nations operating the KC390.

The team thoroughly enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the CCOM staff, especially dinner at the Naval Officers' Mess in Cascais, a perfect setting. They also viewed the Joint Command facilities including the operational bunker. The visit greatly increased the mutual understanding of the Portuguese national assets, upcoming expectations, and constraints.

We look forward to assisting Portugal with an increased level of activity and future cooperations that will benefit other Partner Nations.

20 - 21 JUNE 2024

MCCE visit to Japan

On the 20th and 21st of June 2024, the MCCE Director, Col Cassarà, supported by the MCCE AAR Cell Chief, participated in a meeting, hosted by the US Forces in Japan, at Yokota AB – Tokyo, with the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) and US INDOPACOM. During two days of intensive briefings and in-depth discussions, the MCCE team provided all relevant information to the JSDF, for them to acquire the necessary level of knowledge regarding MCCE core business and logistic services provided globally for the 30 MCCE Participant Nations, in the realm of military mobility and AAR services.

The visit increased the mutual understanding of the MCCE framework and procedures, national expectations, and possibilities for cooperation within the Pacific Area.



MCCE visitors

15 APRIL 2024

US Eisenhower School 2024 Class

On 15 April, the Eisenhower School Class of 2024 visited Eindhoven under the leadership of Dr Stephen J. Dubernas (Chair of Defence Logistics). The class consisted of 12 senior US military and civilians who are enrolled in the National Defense University's Transportation and Logistics Industry degree programme.



The Eisenhower School prepares selected military officers and civilians for strategic leadership and success in developing a national security strategy and in assessing, assembling, and managing resources to implement that strategy.

The delegation received an overview of the MCCE mission, capabilities and its growing relationships. The various Transport Cell Chiefs briefed the participants on their relationships with the US. The participants were also given an overview of existing organisations and projects in Europe. The benefits to the USA from joining the SEOS Technical Arrangement, potential useful initiatives, and the continued co-operation between MCCE and the USA were also explored.

Lively discussions showed the delegation's interest in the MCCE and its activities, allowing MCCE to again inform future decision-makers.



MCCE visitors

15 MAY 2024

Commander JSEC visits MCCE



The commander of the Joint Support Enabling Command (JSEC), LtGen Alexander Sollfrank, visited the MCCE on Wednesday 15 May 2024. During the visit he briefed MCCE Staff about the developments within the JSEC and the challenges they face as an organization.

The Director MCCE, in turn, explained what options the MCCE can offer to its participant nations and where the MCCE can play a role in the movement of personnel and equipment in the context of reinforcement and sustainment of operations.

Reconfirming the desire from the visit of an MCCE delegation to the JSEC in September 2023, both organizations expressed the ambition to utilize all opportunities to increase cooperation.



09 JULY 2024

D-IMS Rear Admiral Wolter Sillevs Smitt

On the 9th of July 2024, Rear Admiral Wolter Sillevs Smitt (NLD N), together with the NLD SB & WB representatives visited the MCCE. The Rear Admiral is the Chief of the International Military Cooperation Branch in the Dutch MoD



During this informal visit, Rear Admiral Wolter Sillevs Smitt received a briefing from the MCCE Director to provide him all possible information to receive a good level of knowledge of MCCE core business and its role as global multi-national and multi-modal coordinator in the realm of military mobility. Among topics discussed were the MCCE strategic way ahead, the MCCE networking capabilities, MCCE procedures, and national expectations.

After the MCCE visit, the Rear Admiral also visited the EATC (European Air Transport Command) and the MMU (MRTT Multinational Unit), both co-located at Eindhoven Airbase.



MCCE LOGFAS Support

1 ST SEMESTER 2024

MCCE LOGFAS courses and training

In the first semester of 2024 MCCE provided a series of LOGFAS Courses and Training in support of the MCCE Participant Nations. The series of courses included:

LOGFAS Fundamentals and Data Operator Course	(1x)
LOGFAS ADAMS Course	(1x)
LOGFAS CORSOM Course	(1x)
LOGFAS EVE Course	(1x)
LOGFAS Battle Staff Training	(1x)

In total 62 participants from 17 different nations were educated and trained during the courses and training.



In support of the Multinational Logistics Coordination Centre (MLCC) and as part of the Core Planning Team for the exercise Connected Logistician (COLO24), MCCE provided a total of six courses in Oirschot, The Netherlands, to prepare M&T personnel from different NATO nations for their participation in the exercise. Between 6 May 2024 and 05 July 2024 a total 77 students from 18 nations were educated and trained in 6 LOGFAS courses:

LOGFAS ADAMS Course	(2x)
LOGFAS CORSOM Course	(1x)
LOGFAS EVE Course	(1x)
LOGFAS Battle Staff Training	(2x)



MCCE LOGFAS Support

The students were trained to be able to demonstrate their knowledge during the COLO24 exercise. During this exercise the participants use the LOGFAS system for the deployment planning and execution, RSOM, sustainment of forces and logistic reporting. The exercise will take part from 25 August 2024 until 06 September 2024 and will be conducted at the Joint Logistic Support Group Coordination and Training Centre (JCTC) in Garlstedt, Germany. Apart from the courses MCCE provided in advance of the exercise, three Staff Officers from MCCE will also take part in the exercise itself.



LOGFAS COURSES AND TRAINING SECOND SEMESTER 2024

MCCE LOGFAS Fundamentals, Ankara, TUR	06 AUG - 14 AUG
Exercise Connected Logisticians 2024, Garlstedt, DEU	21 AUG - 06 SEP
MCCE LOGFAS BST, Wilhelmshaven, DEU	16 SEP - 27 SEP
7th MCCE LOGFAS Fundamentals, Oirschot, NLD	08 OCT - 16 OCT
4th MCCE LOGFAS CORSOM (Op Mov Planning), Oirschot, NLD	21 OCT - 25 OCT
4th MCCE LOGFAS ADAMS (Strat MovPlanning), Oirschot, NLD	04 NOV - 15 NOV
4th MCCE LOGFAS EVE (Move Execution), Oirschot, NLD	18 NOV - 22 NOV
14th MCCE LOGFAS BST, Oirschot, NLD	25 NOV - 06 DEC



MCCE STAFF ROTATIONS 2024

Departures

XO	MAJ Gary Batt, CAN
LEGAD	Mr Christopher George, DEU
P&P SO	LTC Luis Jimenez Noguerras, ESP
AT SO	LTC Rachel Petri-Rose, USA
AT SO	MAJ Sebastian Vergnes, FRA
AT SO	CAPT Martin Obuch, SVK
AT SO	CAPT Vladimir Kusý, CZE
AT NCO	FS Leigh Johnstone, GBR
IST SO	CAPT Janusz Kowalik, POL
IST CIV	Ms Rhonda Pitt, USA

Arrivals

LCdr Lawrence Dagenais, CAN
Ms Corinna Contag, DEU
LTC Jesus David López-Galvez Calleja, ESP
LTC Roland LaFrance, USA
MAJ Julien Le Ven, FRA
CAPT Marián Šiška, SVK
CAPT Martin Hlaváček, CZE
FS John Drake, GBR
CAPT Piotr Langiewicz, POL
Mr Laney Williams, USA



Air Transport Cell:

Coordinates and optimises member nations' spare airlift capacity both as part load between nations or as a dedicated aircraft to a nation. Issues Airlift Offer List every two weeks.

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Air to Air Refuelling Cell:

Coordinates and optimises the employment of member nations' existing and future AAR assets to improve effective use of capacity and of air space. Issues Tanker Availability Sheet every two weeks.

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Inland Surface Transport Cell:

Coordinates and optimises the employment of member nations inland surface assets. Issues Inland Surface Transport Offer List regularly.

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Sealift Cell:

Coordinates and optimises the employment of member nations' sealift capacity (nationally owned, on full time charter or on voyage charter). Issues Sealift Possibility Chart every two weeks.

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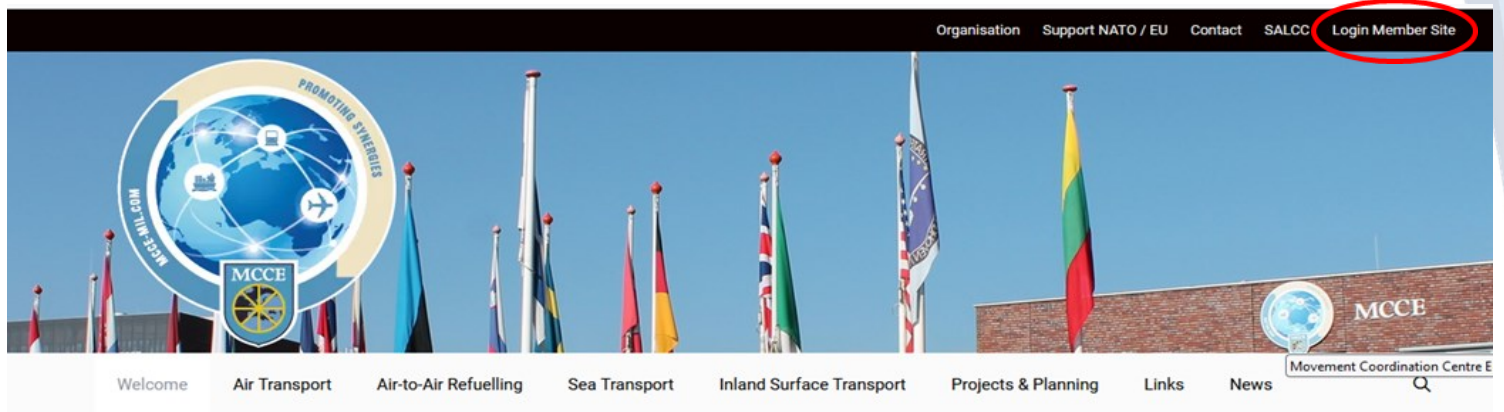
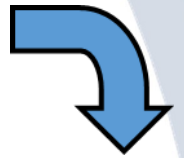


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