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Dear readers, colleagues, and friends of the MCCE,

It is with great honour that I write to you as the new Director of the Movement Coordination Centre Europe. After 15 years, a Dutch officer is once again taking the helm — and I am proud that the Netherlands has been entrusted with this responsibility, especially given that MCCE is based at Eindhoven Air Base, home base of the Royal Netherlands Air Force's Air Movement Command. This is not just a geographical connection, but a reflection of shared purpose, history, and ambition.



Let me begin by sincerely thanking my predecessor, whose leadership over the past three years has significantly shaped the MCCE. Under his direction, we welcomed Australia and New Zealand as new Participant Nations, expanding our global scope and reinforcing our value as a recognized expert in military movement coordination and service exchange.

Stepping into this role, I am both motivated and humbled. The world around us is changing rapidly. Geopolitical tensions — such as the war in Ukraine and increased assertiveness from strategic competitors — have shifted defence priorities. As a result, the operational tempo and focus of many participant nations have evolved, and so too must the MCCE.

My intent is clear: to ensure that the MCCE not only remains relevant but becomes even more strategically valuable. I strongly believe that we must reflect, reorient, and if necessary, reposition ourselves to continue providing added value — not just through coordination, but also by supporting interoperability, standardization, and innovation in the field of military mobility.

In the coming years, the outcomes of the FAWG and SAWG and decisions made by the Steering Board, will be critical in guiding this evolution. The willingness of our nations to share resources through ATARES and SEOS remains one of our greatest strengths. The growing international interest in our services is a testament to what this centre — and all of you — have built together.



But we cannot do it alone. I firmly believe in inclusive leadership, where ideas from all ranks and nations are heard and valued. I encourage everyone — whether you're part of the MCCE team or a representative of one of our Participant Nations — to engage actively, share ideas, challenge assumptions, and help shape our shared future.

Finally, I want to underscore the importance of team spirit, mutual respect, and a safe working environment. We are a small but highly capable team. If we speak up, support one another, and stay united in purpose, I have no doubt we will continue to excel.

Thank you for your trust, and I look forward to the journey ahead.

Warm regards,



Erik VAN DE VEN

Colonel (OF-5) – RNLAF
Director MCCE



Outgoing MCCE Director

Dear readers,

Welcome to our newsletter N.25 – Fall 2025.

The MCCE, again this year, has put every possible effort and competence to support, at our best, our 30 Participant Nations. The positive feedback constantly provided to us, encourage MCCE staff to keep up the good work and to continue in the same path, and even improve in the future.



The great success of the Africa study day, the annually planned Custom Workshop, the bi-annual NMCC meeting, the constant support in providing NATO certified courses in LOGFAS Modules and Battle Staff training, and JAWS (Joint Airlift Workshop), are just few examples that demonstrate that MCCE has not only become a Network for Military Mobility, but also a platform for standardization, training and best practises sharing. In the realm of military mobility, MCCE is proud to note that good and relevant information is shared, based on the constant willing of our Nations to work together to pool and share military, organic and contracted resources. These are the fundamentals of our success that allowed MCCE to “expand” from the 15 signatories in 2007 to the current 30 Participant Nations.

Many projects are currently on going to determine how and in which direction the MCCE should go in the long run, given the worldwide interest of MCCE, and, in particular, the ATARES and SEOS exchange of services that are becoming increasingly popular in every corner of this small planet.

Of course, MCCE has already a global reach, and even though it is not striving for global participation, it is aware that the global interest in our services by many more countries might require, in future, a radical change of our structure and establishment. In this framework we are looking forward to the results of the FAWG (Future and Adaptation Working Group) and the SAWG (Standing Advisory Working Group), where, also, a possible update of the current MCCE TA is being brainstormed.

This short pamphlet will focus on the main events run or planned in 2025 by the MCCE, to recognize the great work done by MCCE staff and to orient the new Nations regarding the ancillary services already available through MCCE.



Outgoing MCCE Director

Unfortunately, my three-year duty as Director of MCCE has come to an end. On 4th September I'll hand over the MCCE flag to Col. (RNLAF) Erik van de Ven, whom I have already had the pleasure to know and interact with during last months. So, welcome to Erik. I am sure your leadership and experience will allow MCCE to reach even more challenging goals and results!

I wanted to express a sincere sign of gratitude to all MCCE SB, WB, ATARES and SEOS Coordination Board Representatives for all the great work and great ideas always shared during our formal meeting. Your contributions, your passion and trust to MCCE has been recognised and appreciated.

More, it has been a pleasure for me to receive such great and warm welcomes, anytime I have travelled to the MCCE Countries I have had the opportunity to visit during my tour. It meant a lot to me.

Finally, I need to thank all my staff: Deputy Director, XO, Chief Support, Admin & IT, Legad Advisor, CHOPS, Cell Chiefs, all Staff Officers, SALCC Commander and all SALCC Staff Officers for your outstanding, intelligent and diligent work.

We couldn't have reached the results we achieved without the contribution of each one of you!



Gioacchino CASSARÀ

Colonel (OF-5) – ITAF

Director MCCE Sep 2022 to Sep 2025



MCCE Participant Nations



08 - 09 APRIL 2025

35th MCCE Working Board in Oirschot (NLD)

Hosted by the MCCE and the Netherland Armed Forces, the 35th meeting of the MCCE WB was held in Oirschot, on the 8-9 April 2025. 20 Participant Nations were physically present during the meeting.

In addition to agreement on the normal points such as budget and manning, the WB agreed to changes on two MCCE Job Descriptions.

The incoming Director (Col. Erik van de Ven) was nominated by the board and the MCCE Change of Command ceremony was fixed for the 4th of September 2025.

The Standing Advisory Working Group (SAWG) Chair briefed on the progress of their work on the TA amendments, whilst the Chair of the Future and Adaptation Working Group (FAWG) presented an update that triggered a very interesting discussion among participants.

The 35th MCCE WB was a success, where ideas and thoughts were shared, looking forward to even more fruitful discussions in the upcoming meetings. MCCE thanks all participating nations for their attendance and the Host Nation for supporting the event.



11 JUNE 2025

19th MCCE Steering Board in Budapest (HUN)

Hosted by HUN, the 19th meeting of the MCCE SB was held in Budapest on the 11 June 2025.

22 Participant Nations were physically present during the meeting. The WB Chair gave an update on the output of the last two WB, the 34th WB in Riga and the 35th WB in Oirschot. DMCCE gave an update on MCCE activity over the last year and plans for the future.

The SAWG Chair briefed on the progress of their work on the TA amendments, whilst the Chair of the FAWG, building on their presentation from the previous WB, presented an update that triggered a very interesting discussion among participants.

The incoming Director (Col. Erik van de Ven) was appointed by the board and the date for the MCCE Change of Command ceremony was approved.

CZE was nominated to provide the next SB Chair.

The 19th MCCE SB was successful and productive, both with decisions taken and ideas shared. Looking forward to even more fruitful discussions in the upcoming meetings. MCCE thanks all participating nations for their attendance and the Host Nation for supporting the event.



04 SEPTEMBER 2025

MCCE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

On 4 September 2025, Col Erik van de Ven (NLD AF) took command as Director of the MCCE from Col Gioacchino Cassarà (ITA AF).

The Change of Command ceremony was presided over by the Steering Board Chair, BGen Guillaume Arcouette (CAN ARMY), and was witnessed by distinguished guests from the MCCE participant nations, many multinational partners, friends, and families.

It was a modest and dignified ceremony that underscored the achievements attained by the MCCE in recent years. As an evolving and adaptable international organization, MCCE continues to meet the challenges of military collaboration and develop solutions to the benefit of its nations.

Today, the MCCE stands as one of the largest and most active strategic movement networks worldwide, collective strategic movements have become a reality for MCCE participant nations; yet we continue to seek efficiencies and expand opportunities by working together in a proactive manner.

Col van de Ven now begins his three-year term as Director of the MCCE. Col Cassarà will return to Italy and assumes a position in the Air Force Headquarter in Rome.



CALENDER OF KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

08-12 Sep 2025, Berlin (DEU))	Fall 2025 Standard Advisory Working Group
03-06 Nov 2025, Stockholm (SWE)	36th Working Board
27-29 Jan 2026, Eindhoven (NLD)	ATARES/SEOS CB
March 2026, TBD (SWE)	Spring 2026 Standard Advisory Working Group
17-18 March 2026, Eindhoven (NLD)	NMCC Cdr's Forum '26
13-16 Apr 2026, TBD (POL)	37th Working Board
10 Jun 2026, Luxembourg	20th Steering Board
Sep 2026, TBD (CAN)	Fall 2026 Standard Advisory Working Group
19-23 Oct 2026, TBD (AUT)	38th Working Board



28 JANUARY - 30 JANUARY 2025

SEOS and ATARES Coordination Boards

The 2025 SEOS and ATARES Coordination Board meetings were successfully held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 28 to 30 January 2025.

During these annual sessions, national representatives deliberated and voted on key agenda points in accordance with the SEOS and ATARES Technical Arrangements. As always, the face-to-face nature of these multinational gatherings fostered numerous bilateral discussions and strengthened networks for future cooperation.

The meetings provided a valuable platform for discussing payment solutions for air, land, and sea-related services. The Coordination Board Chair (MCCE Director, Col Cassarà) placed particular emphasis on the reciprocal exchange mechanism between SEOS and ATARES, which enables the use of air and surface credits to be used for compensation of services in the reciprocal domain. The respective Secretariats then explained the intricacies of the reciprocal exchange mechanism and how this enhanced the flexibility and breadth of opportunity for facilitating payment for movement and transportation services.

Special thanks are extended to our colleagues of the Bulgarian Logistic Support Command for their outstanding hospitality and for hosting the event in Sofia and additionally to the venue hosts, the Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence.



17 MARCH - 18 MARCH 2025

Visit to the NMCC German Armed Forces

On 17th/18th Mar 2025 the MCCE Operations team and SALCC conducted an engagement visit to the Bundeswehr NMCC based in Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

The team was led by Chief Operations and Commander SALCC and supported by the respective Cell Chiefs from Inland Surface Transport and Sea Transport and the Deputies from Air Transport and Sea Transport.

During a full afternoon and the next morning we enjoyed some very fruitful discussions with our excellent hosts from Commander NMCC's Team.

We already enjoy regular contact with our teammates in the NMCC but it was fantastic to spend dedicated time on reciprocal briefings and the resulting detailed discussions with our German colleagues.

With an overnight pause and a superb meal in the German Naval Officers' Mess we fully exploited the time to explore ideas for gaining more opportunities for Germany and, importantly, areas which we can use their resources and capabilities to the benefit of other Participant Nations in the Network.

The NMCC SMEs provided briefings across the full suite of Movements activity and the future projections for their Operational activity to highlight areas for synergy. We also discussed that as well as coordinating their Troop contributions to Operations Germany has a fundamental role as a Transit nation for the bulk of any Eastbound materiel.

One of the most important aspects of these desk level engagement visits is the opportunity for our Participant Nations (customers) to gain a greater understanding of how we can assist them in their very busy day jobs but also areas where we can alleviate some of the pressures. It is also a chance for them to provide some honest feedback and make suggestions for development.

The most important aspect through is to solidify and maintain our working relationships and mutual understanding to ensure an effective network for future cooperation. Many thanks to our friends in the German NMCC for hosting us and for being such a big supporters within the MCCE and the ATARES/SEOS agreement.



19 MARCH 2025

Visit to the Joint Movement transport Organisation National—Danish Armed Forces

On 19th Mar 2025 the MCCE Operations team conducted an engagement visit to the Danish Armed Forces JMTO, at Karup Air Base in Denmark. The team was led by Chief Operations and supported by the respective Cell Chiefs from Inland Surface Transport and Sea Transport Cells, and the Deputy Air Transport Cell.

We had a full day of reciprocal briefings which led to some really interesting deep dives into several topics that emerged. Our working level engagement visits with our respective operational colleagues allows us to discuss at length any areas where we feel there are potential opportunities for future cooperations and synergies with the planned activity of our other Participant Nations.

Denmark is a consistently strong supporter of the MCCE Network and many of the Nations can take advantage of existing capacity within their flexible contractual arrangements with access to commercial services. The very strong relationship between the JMTO desk officers and the MCCE is built on trust and reliability. Whilst we have very good relations and regular contact through the Ops meetings with our Danish counterparts, we appreciated the dedicated time during the engagement visit to exclusively explore the national requirements. During the open discussion the different approaches amongst the partner nations were also discussed.



Chief Operations took the opportunity to reiterate that we are here to meet the nations' needs and MCCE should be used as friendly forces and a source of advice as well as providing movements options and courses of action. We also had the chance to see several of the wider JMTO team and were able to give them the general Ops brief.

The team enjoyed a fantastic working lunch hosted by the JMTO team and are grateful for the excellent hosting and very open discussions. We look forward to seeing the team at future Ops meetings.



07 - 11 APRIL 2025

49th IST Ops and 76th SCC Meeting

The recent 49th IST OPS meeting and the 76th SCC OPS meeting held in Lisbon, Portugal, was a resounding success, marked by a high rate of participant engagement, exceptional networking opportunities, and fruitful outcomes.

The conference saw an impressive turnout, with nearly 60 participants from 26 of 30 PN. This made it the best-attended IST/SCC OPS meeting in the history of the MCCE.

The high participation rate is evidence of an exceptional community. This community is characterised by mutual respect, deep trust and open discussions. The resulting friendships facilitate multinational co-operation.

Networking is and remains an essential part of the conferences. The conference facilitated meaningful exchanges and helped attendees expand their networks and explore potential collaborations.

Special thanks go to the host nation Portugal; The Joint Command for Military Operations (CCOM)/Joint Operations Command was an excellent host. Special thanks to our comrades Carlos Alberto Pereira Távora and Luís Manuel Fernandes Cerdeira for the organisation.



15 - 16 APRIL 2025

32nd AAR Ops Meeting

MCCE AAR OPS Meeting Lisbon (PRT), 15-16 April 2025



The 32nd AAR OPS Meeting took place in Lisbon (PRT) on the 15th and 16th of April 2025.

30 participants from 12 MCCE Participant Nations (BEL, CZE, DNK, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, ITA, PRT, SWE, TUR and USA) and 8 military and civilian organizations (MCCE, EATC, AIRCOM, CAOUC Udem, METREA, AIRBUS, EMBRAER and OMEGA AIR) attended the meeting.

The meeting gave an opportunity for all the participants to share their national plans, projects and challenges. In addition, they received insight into manufacturers' views on future AAR assets and developments.

There was discussion about standard procedures, future activities and exercises related to Air-to-Air refuelling.

Participants actively engaged in conversation and analysis during the meetings, increased networking contacts during breaks and side events, which provided valuable perspectives.

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



14 MAY 2025

39th AT Ops Meeting

The 39th MCCE AT OPS Meeting took place in Trenčín, Slovakia, on 14 May 2025, preceded by a welcome reception on the evening of 13 May.

Hosted at the Slovak Armed Forces Cultural Centre, the event brought together 51 participants from 20 MCCE member nations and four partner organizations, including JADTEU AP, EATC, NSPA, and HAW.



The meeting served as a platform for enhancing cooperation, sharing national air transport plans and challenges, and discussing practical coordination issues. Presentations covered updates on ATARES/ANAIS processes, collaboration with external agencies, and opportunities for improving interoperability across the MCCE community.

Special focus was given to the potential of C-390 tactical aircraft, particularly in firefighting and aeromedical evacuation roles. Nations operating or acquiring these assets were encouraged to contribute to developing shared procedures.

Additionally, the importance of collaboration in Africa was underlined, with MCCE inviting member nations to participate in the upcoming Africa Study Day.

The event concluded with a guided tour of Trenčín Castle, offering a cultural experience alongside professional exchange.

Thanks to the Slovak hosts for their excellent organization and warm hospitality, which helped ensure a productive and successful meeting.



11—12 JUNE 2025

Africa Study Days 2025

Following a successful Africa Study Day in 2024 we ran a follow up for the network over 11-12 Jun hosted at MCCE in Eindhoven.

FRA, GBR, TUR and USA sent representatives in addition to excellent support from the EATC.

Over 1.5 days the team discussed several opportunities and key concepts for burden sharing for their missions on the African continent.

This type of activity allows a small team to deep dive specific areas and forge ahead with establishing actual future cooperations.

The main aim is to fully use spare capacity of members existing missions and combine missions, sometimes with diversion legs.



The sea transport team also briefed the study day regards the large-scale redeployments that have been able to take advantage of sealift capacity.

The group agreed to maintain regular interaction specifically for Africa focussed missions via a dedicated Teams group.

Any potential savings and efficiencies made concerning Africa focussed missions alleviates the stress on capabilities in the European theatre and IndoPacific.



22 MAY 2025

Visit of Deputy Director EAG, BG Goossens

On 22 May Brig Gen Patrick Goossens, the Deputy Director of the European Air Group (EAG), visited MCCE.

From the inception of the MCCE the EAG has been an integral part of our history and drove the initial concept for strategic airlift cooperation.

BG Goossens was conducting a wider engagement visit, including EATC and briefed on the topic of Improving Capability Through Interoperability.

Chief Operations joined the visit at EATC and then BG Goossens and his staff were hosted in MCCE.

After discussions and an office call the BG was given a tour of the facility and enjoyed briefings provided by the wider staff in the Ops room and the chance to engage and question the team directly.



MCCE visitors

17 JUNE 2025

Visit of JSEC DCOS OPS

On the 17th of June 2025, Maj Gen Dirk Kipper (DEU) visited MCCE. The Maj Gen is the Deputy Chief of Staff - Operations for Joint Support and Enabling Command (JSEC) NATO.

During this visit, Maj Gen Kipper and his team received a tour of the OPS room and briefing from the DMCCE. The briefing provided Maj Gen Kipper with information on MCCE core business and its role as global multi-national and multi-modal coordinator in the realm of military mobility.

During the meeting many topics were discussed, focusing on current, planned and potential activity and investigating areas for cooperation between JSEC and MCCE.

MCCE looks forward to enhancing international cooperation in the realm of military (multimodal) transportation with JSEC in future.



1 ST SEMESTER 2025

MCCE LOGFAS courses and training

In the first semester of 2025 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	(2x)
LOGFAS ADAMS Course	(1x)
LOGFAS CORSOM Course	(1x)
LOGFAS EVE Course	(1x)
LOGFAS Battle Staff Training	(1x)
LOGFAS Mobile Fundamentals and Data Operator Course	(1x)
LOGFAS Mobile ADAMS Course	(2x)

In total 74 participants from 24 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 Capable Deployer (CADR25), MCCE provided two ADAMS courses in Oirschot, The Netherlands, to prepare M&T personnel from different NATO nations for their participation in the exercise. From 28 April 2025 to 23 May 2025 a total of 26 students from 13 nations were educated and trained.

LOGFAS COURSES AND TRAINING SECOND SEMESTER 2025

MCCE LOGFAS CORSOM, Zagreb, HRV	04 AUG - 08 AUG
MCCE LOGFAS EVE, Zagreb, HRV	11 AUG - 15 AUG
MCCE LOGFAS CORSOM, Izmir, TUR	01 SEP - 05 SEP
MCCE LOGFAS EVE, Izmir, TUR	08 SEP - 12 SEP
10th MCCE LOGFAS Fundamentals, Oirschot, NLD	07 OCT - 15 OCT
6th MCCE LOGFAS ADAMS, Oirschot, NLD	20 OCT - 31 OCT
6th MCCE LOGFAS CORSOM, Oirschot, NLD	03 NOV - 07 NOV
6th MCCE LOGFAS EVE, Oirschot, NLD	10 NOV - 14 NOV
16th MCCE LOGFAS BST, Oirschot, NLD	17 NOV - 28 NOV



MCCE STAFF ROTATIONS 2025

Departures

DIR	COL Giochinno Cassara, ITA
Chief Support	LtCol Fokke-Jitse Hoogterp, NLD
P&P CC	LtCol Eelco van Beek, NLD
P&P SO	MAJ Dominique Masquelin, BEL
AT CC	SqLdr Tony O'Neill, GBR
AT SO	MAJ Benjamin Praschl, AUT
AAR CC	LtCol Gian Luca D'Angelo, ITA
AAR SO	Maj Julien Le Ven, FRA
IST CC	LtCol Andreas Rothenpieler, DEU
ST CC	Cdr Kenneth Flagmand Olsen, DNK
ST SO	Cap Julia Kunz, DEU
SALCC SO	Maj Marta Zajdel, POL
SALCC SO	Maj Julien Le Ven, FRA

Arrivals

COL Erik van de Ven, NLD
LtCol Bruce Mekking, NLD
No successor in 2025
LtCol Cosimo Caforio, ITA
MAJ Dimitri Huysmans, BEL
LtCol Klaus Kolitsch, AUT
LtCol Jérémy D'Hondt, FRA
No successor in 2025
LtCol Volker Messerer, DEU
Cdr Sigrid Hansen, DNK
Cap Frank Emmert, DEU
Maj Jacet Jaczynski, POL
Cap Quentin Allognet, FRA



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.

Contact details: +31 40 206 6059 or at@mcce-mil.com

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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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Projects & Planning Cell:

Identifies potential synergies between a national or organisation's movement & transportation plans and projects; promotes multimodal development and the use of complementary modes of transport.

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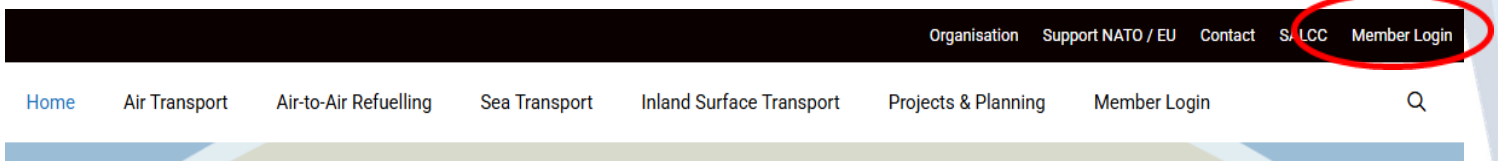
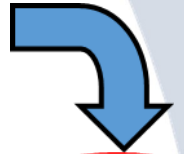


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