

V4 EU BG AND LITPOLUKRBRIG ROLE IN MILITARY COOPERATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

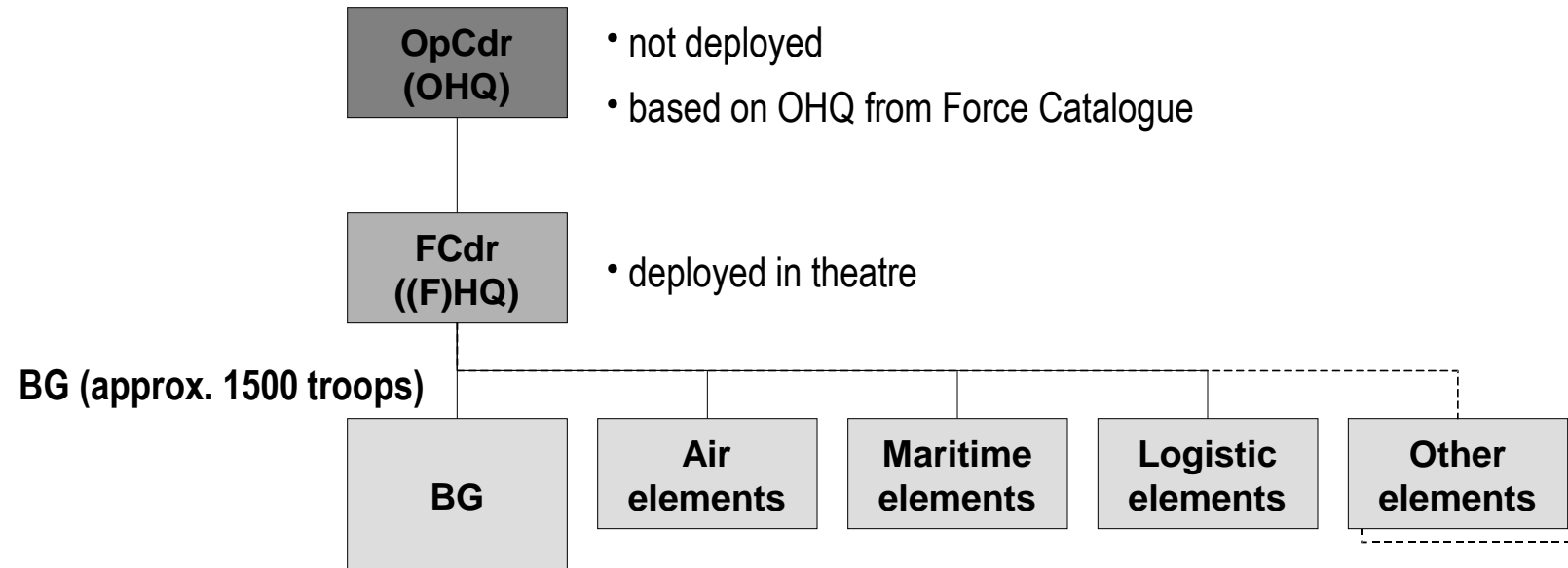
BRUSSELS, 25 JANUARY 2017

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Lieutenant General

AGENDA

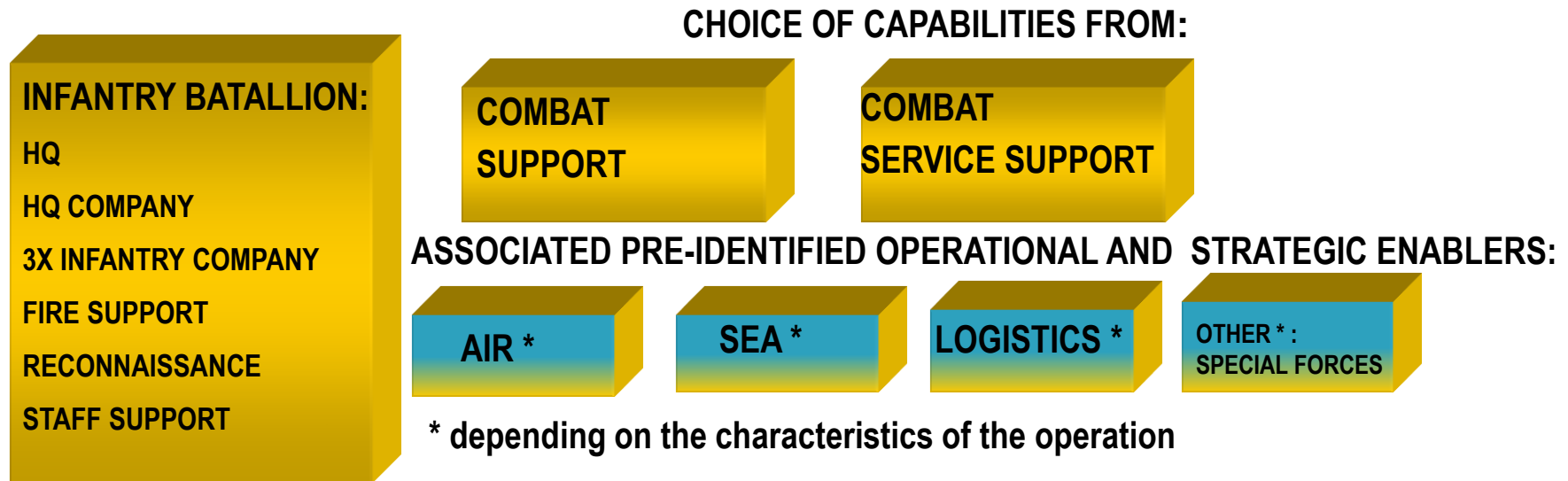
- ▶ THE EXPERIENCE WITH EU BG V4 DEFENCE COOPERATION
- ▶ LITHUANIAN – POLISH – UKRAINIAN BRIGADE
→ LITPOLUKRBRIG

GENERIC COMPOSITION OF AN EU BG PACKAGE

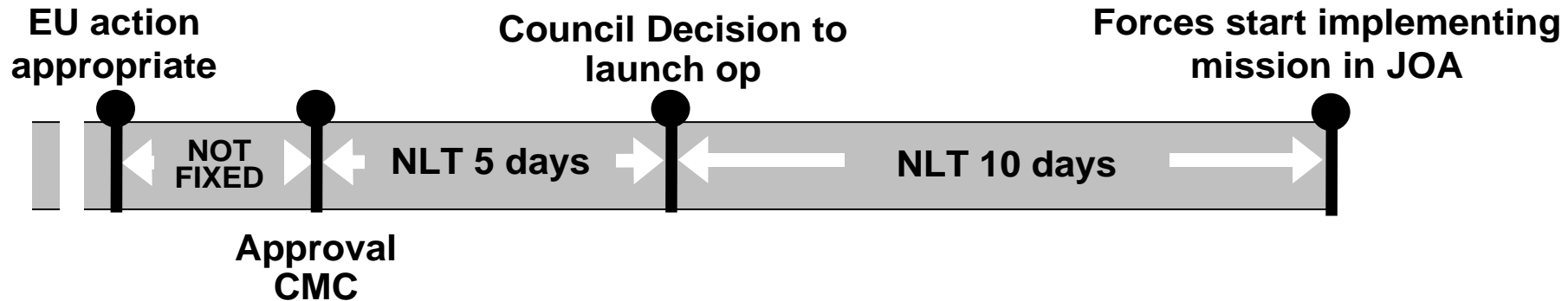


- **The BG as the Rapid Response Element**

EU BG PACKAGE – FIGHTING FORCE



MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF EU BG



- **CRISIS MANAGEMENT CONCEPT (CMC)**
- **SUSTAINABLE FOR 30 DAYS**
- **EXTENDABLE TO 120 DAY, IF RE-SUPPLIED**
- **UNTIL MISSION TERMINATION OR UNTIL RELIEF BY OTHER FORCES**

POTENTIAL AREAS OF EU BG OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

DISTANCE OF **6000 KM** FROM BRUSSELS, AS A PLANNING BASELINE
FOR BATTLE GROUPS OPERATIONS

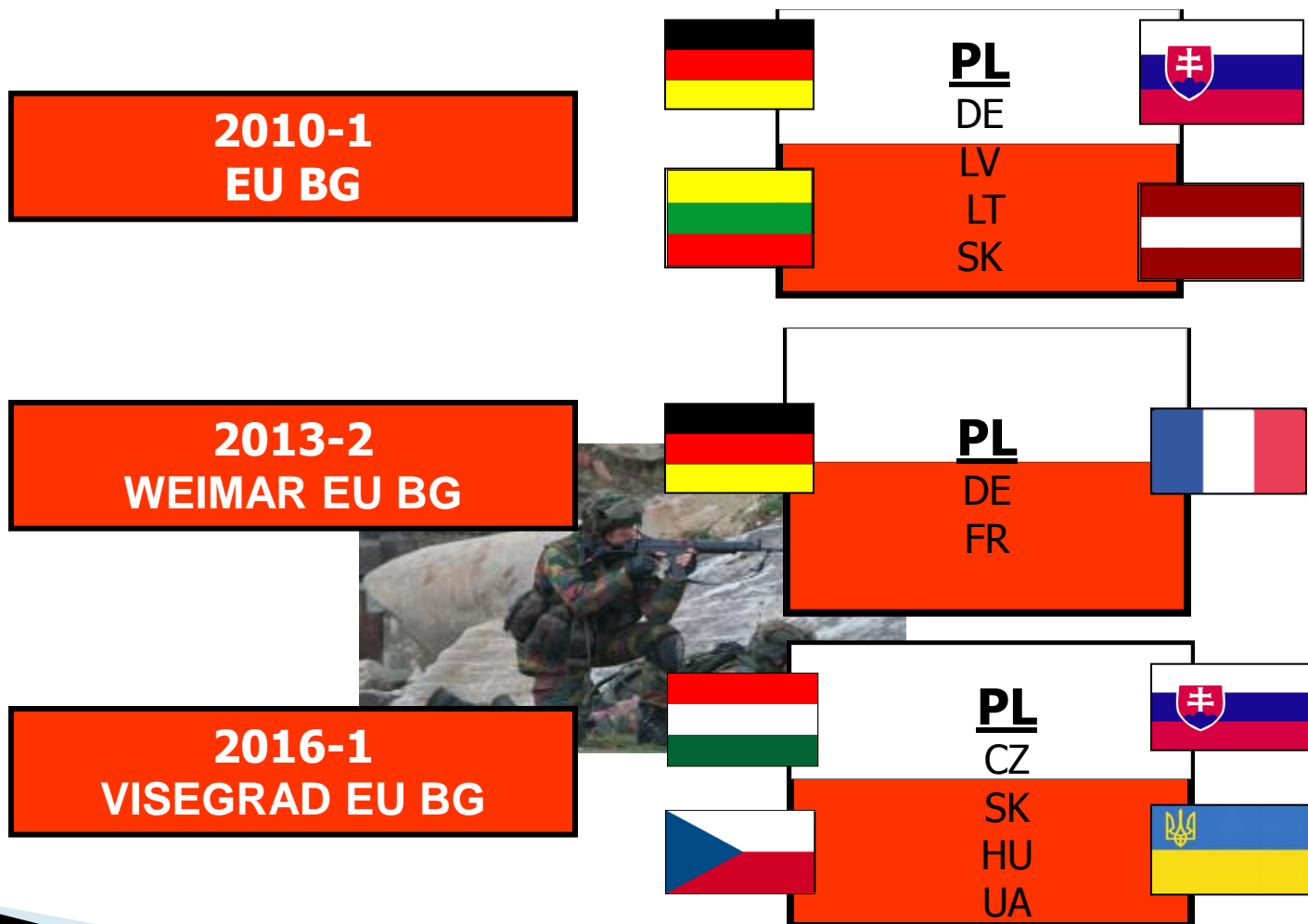


EU BG LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES

- ▶ **FULL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY – JANUARY 2007 –
EU BG: FR, BE - 2007/1 AND EU BG: DE, NL, FI – 2007/1**
- ▶ **THE EU BG HAVE NOT BEEN USED FOR ANY EU-LED
OPERATION OR MISSION**
- ▶ **THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES**
- ▶ **MEMBER STATES' WILL TO OFFER COMMITMENTS
TO THE BATTLE GROUP ROSTER IS LIMITED.**



PL PARTICIPATION in EU BGs



EU BATTLE GROUP ROSTER FOR UPCOMING YEARS

	Semester	Member States (& Third States)
Detailed commitments	2016-1	PL, CZ, HU, SK, UA
		EL, BG, CY, RO, UA
	2016-2	UK, FI, IE, LT, LV, SE, UA
		DE, AT, CZ, IE, HR, LU, NL
	2017-1	IT, AT, HR, HU, SI
		FR, BE*
	2017-2	ES, PT, IT
		Vacant
BG Package Commitments	2018-1	EL, BG, CY, RO, UA*
		NL, AT, BE, LU
	2018-2	Vacant
		NL, AT, BE, DE, LU
	2019-1	UK*
		FR
	2019-2	PL, CZ, HU, SK
		ES
Initial offer	2020-1	EL, BG, CY, RO, RS, UA
		IT*
	2020-2	DE, AT, CZ, HR*, IE*, NL*
		IT, ES

EU BATTLE GROUP 2016/1

Participants:



Preferred OHQ
LCC Kraków
- POLAND



Framework nation:

POLAND



TCN Main States:

CZECH REP.



HUNGARY



SLOVAKIA



TCN Third States:

UKRAINE



EU BG V4 2016/1

CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Timeslot: 01 Jan - 30 Jun 2015
- ▶ TCN: CZ - HU - PL - SK - UA
- ▶ Military -Strategic HQ: OHQ – LCC Kraków POLAND
- ▶ Operational Level: (F)HQ based on 12 Mech Bde (PL)
- ▶ Tactical: BG Core



TASKS:

- ☐ Separation of Parties by Force (SOPF) operations
- ☐ Conflict Prevention (CP) operations
- ☐ Evacuation Operations (EO) in a non-permissive environment
- ☐ Assistance to Humanitarian Operations (HA)
- ☐ Stabilization, Reconstruction (SR) and military advice

EU BG V4 2016-1

OHQ in Kraków PL

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY 5 CERTIFIED
EU OPERATIONAL HQs for EU BATTLE
GROUPS:**

FR: Mont Valerien, DE: Potsdam,
IT: Rome, EL: Larissa and UK: Northwood.





**POLAND HAS CREATED AND CERTIFIED
ITS OWN OHQ, FOR THE PURPOSES OF
THE EU BG V4 (2016 – 1) IN KRAKÓW (PL)**



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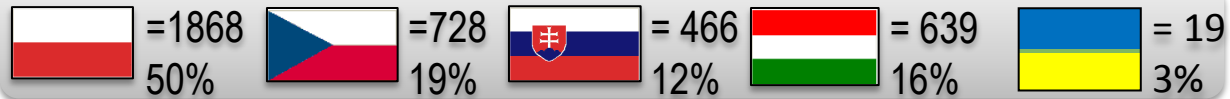


**Personel
CIS System
Infrastructure**

	147	63,09%
	31	13,30%
	30	12,88%
	25	10,73%
TOTAL:		233

COMPOSITION OF EU BG V4 2016/1

TOTAL: **3909**



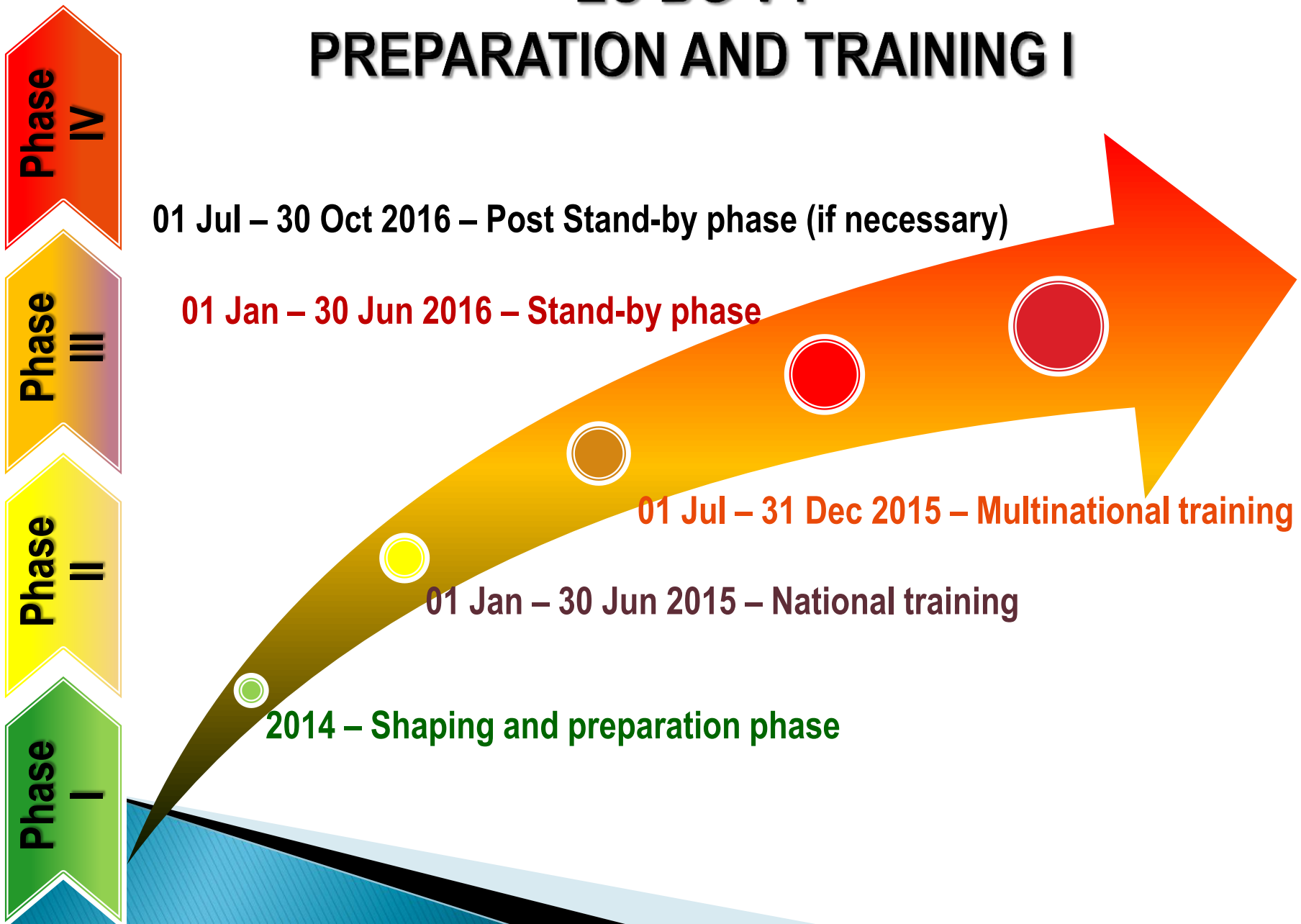
- ▶ **EU BG V4 counted 3909 positions.**
- ▶ **Poland**, as a Framework Nation, declared **50%** of personnel. **Hungary 16%, Czech Republic 19%, Slovakia 12%** and **Ukraine 3 %.**
- ▶ Estimated cost for Poland - 3,2 M Euro

Responsibility:

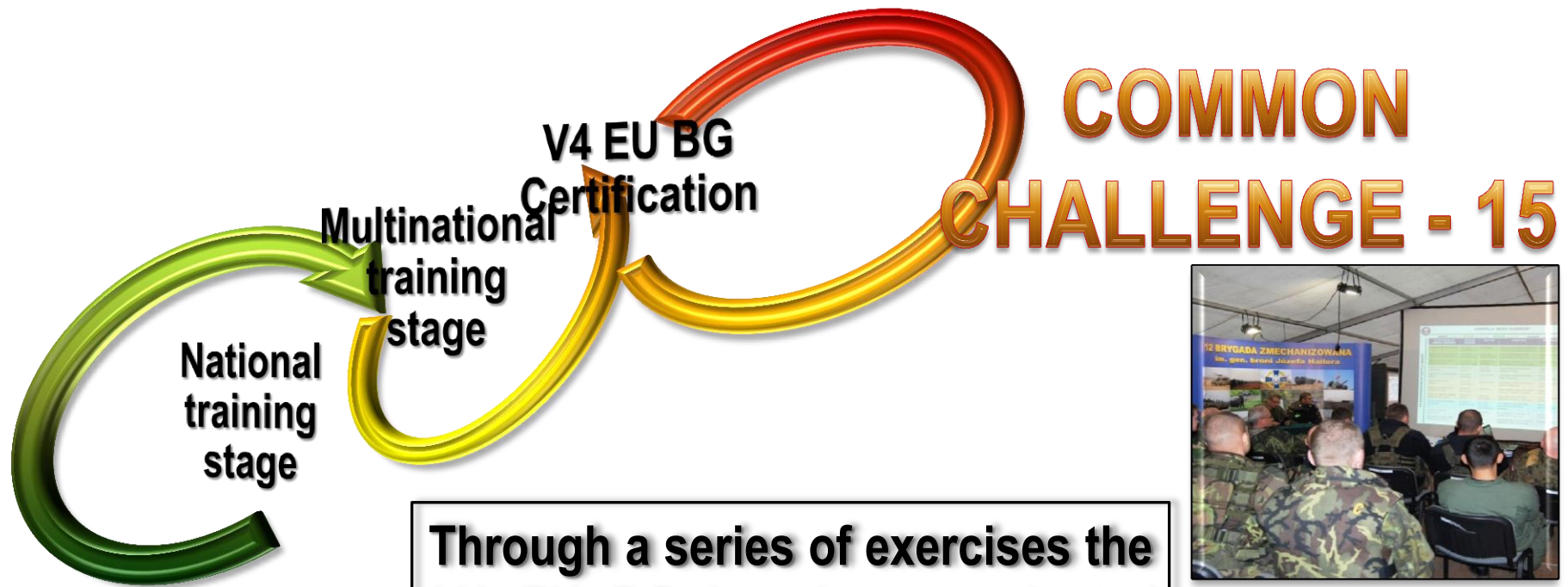
- ▶ **Poland:** leading nation for Force HQ, Battlegroup Core, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, Air Group
- ▶ **Czech Republic:** Combat Service Support
- ▶ **Hungary:** Military Engineering, Non Kinetic elements, Close Air Support and Special Forces
- ▶ **Slovakia:** Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear elements
- ▶ **Ukraine:** strategic transport (AN-124)

EU BG V4

PREPARATION AND TRAINING I



EU BG V4 PREPARATION AND TRAINING II



Through a series of exercises the V4 EU BG has been evaluated against agreed EU BG Concept's standards and criteria



EU BG V4 2016-1

LESSONS LEARNED I

- ▶ **REINFORCES KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF EU OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**
- ▶ **PROMOTES REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**
- ▶ **IMPROVES MILITARY COORDINATION WITH PARTNERS**

EU BG V4 2016-1

LESSONS LEARNED II

- ▶ **MORE STANDARDISED BATTLEGROUP CONCEPT IS NECESSARY**
- ▶ **COSTS RELATED WITH EU BGs SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY ACROSS THE MEMBER STATES**
- ▶ **OTHER MEMBER STATES SHOULD INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU BG ROSTER**
- ▶ **FOCUSED EU BG EXERCISES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE EU EXERCISE PROGRAMME**
- ▶ **EXCHANGE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THIRD STATES MAKES COOPERATION DIFFICULT**

V4 DEFENCE COOPERATION

1. STRONG VOICE OF V4
2. SYNERGY OF ACTIONS
3. SECURITY OF THE REGION
4. IDENTITY AND VISIBILITY
5. COHESION AND JOINTNESS
6. REGIONAL COOPERATION +



ARMED FORCES POSITION FOR V4 PRESIDENCY IN MILITARY AREA

▶ **DEVELOPMENT OF KEY DEFENCE
CAPABILITIES FOR OF OUR REGIONAL
SECURITY**



▶ **PRACTICAL ENGAGEMENT IN NATO AND EU INITIATIVES**

▶ **SECURITY OF THE EASTERN FLANK**

▶ **ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES AND CONCEPTS**

CHARACTERISTICS OF LITPOLUKRBRIG





LITPOLUKRBRIG

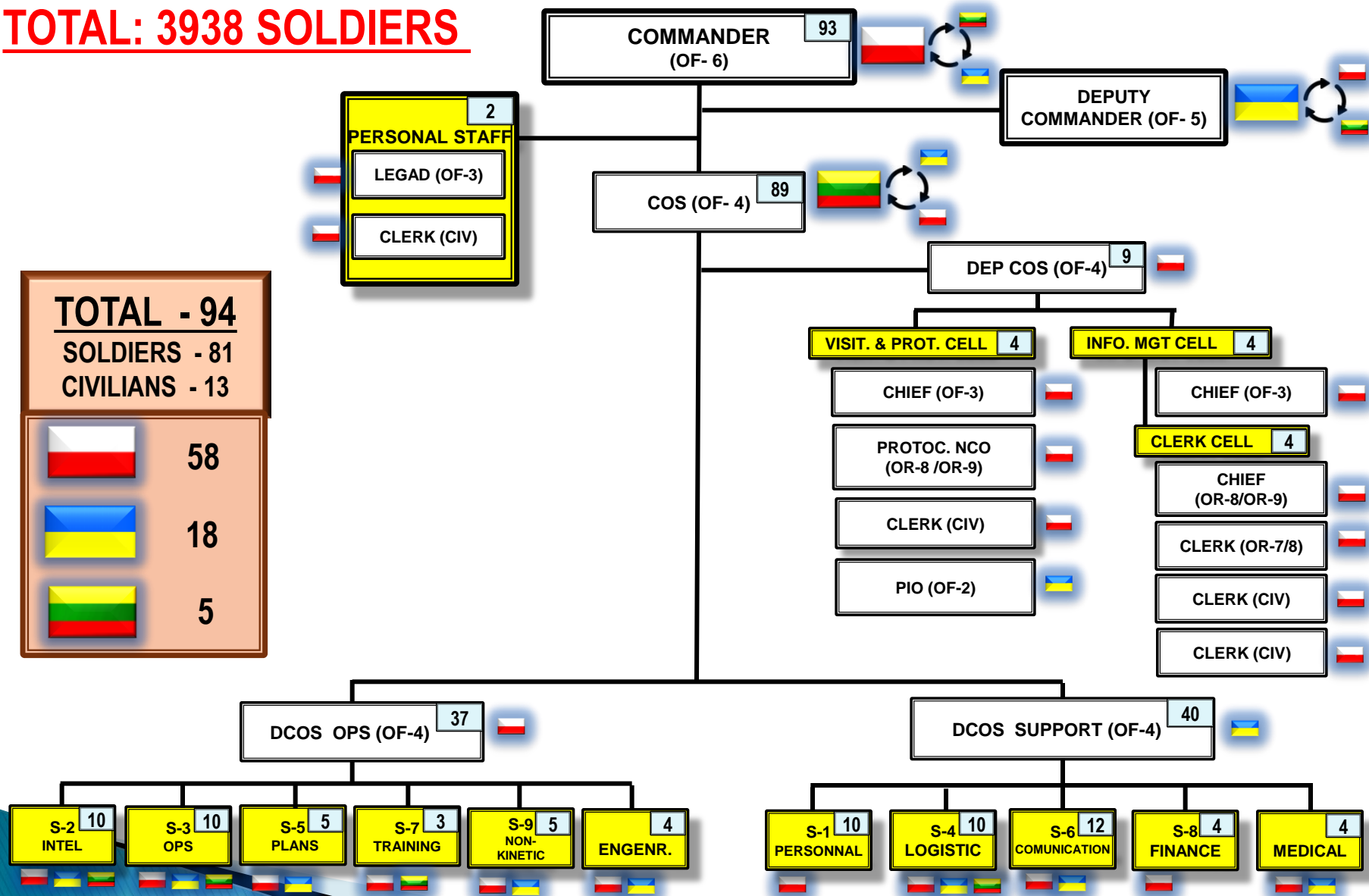
- ❑ LITPOLUKRBRIG IS A BRIGADE SIZE COMMON LITHUANIAN - POLISH - UKRAINIAN MILITARY UNIT
- ❑ PEACE SUPPORT AND CRISIS RESPONSE OPERATIONS
- ❑ CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF A MANDATE OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)
- ❑ AGREEMENT – SIGNED 19.09.2014 IN WARSAW
- ❑ IOC – 25.01.2016 FOC – 23.01.2017
- ❑ TRILATERAL STRUCTURE



LITPOLUKRBRIG STAFF STRUCTURE

TOTAL: 3938 SOLDIERS

TOTAL - 94	
SOLDIERS - 81	
CIVILIANS - 13	
	58
	18
	5



MAIN TASKS OF LITPOLUKRBRIG

- ❑ **Command and control up to 3 maneuver battalions and additional units within the Brigade Area of Responsibility**
- ❑ **Plan, organize and control multinational operations up to brigade level, even autonomously within limits defined by legal mandate of mission and constrained by operational environment**
- ❑ **Plan and control military operations in a joint civil military environment**





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FOR YOUR ATTENTION**