

**NATO
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SUSTAINABLE BUILDING FOR MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Background

Year 1999

- CCMS agrees to implement the short term ad hoc project

Objectives

- Survey the implementation of sustainable building in participating countries
- Exchange experiences on policies and strategies
- Expose examples of sustainable building projects
- Provide information on design, methods and tools
- Establish network of experts
- Establish plans for future action

Background (cont'd)

Phase I, 1999 – 2000

- Activities pertaining to achieving objectives
- Seminar in The Netherlands, March 2000 – CCMS report no 246

Principle established

NATO/EAPC countries working together can guide and improve environmental practises to foster sustainability thereby promoting broader peace and security objectives. Ministries of Defence would thus be seen to be supporting national interests by encouraging environmental stewardship

....by sharing lessons learned, participating countries can better understand the extent of sustainable activity now in place and establish benchmarks for future action....

Background cont'd

Phase II, 2001 – 2003

- Additional information on policies, methods and examples was collected
- Web page for exchange of information and
- Network of experts was established
- Seminar in Belgium, February 2002 – CCMS report no 263

Follow-up Seminar -- the Reasons Why

- Follow up the principles established in The Netherlands
- Ensure the continuation of the plans for future action outlined in the summary final report - i e "provide an ongoing forum..."
- Suitable time has lapsed to measure progress on the implementation status established in 2000
- The expressed wish of the participants of the seminar in Belgium as a forum to update information
- Capture new developments as to tools, methods and practices
- Promote and facilitate the transition from visions, policies and plans to actual implementation

Contents of Seminar in Oslo

- Update of survey of 2000 on the implementation of sustainable building in the participating countries
- Presenting successful examples of sustainable building projects actually executed and in place
- LCC and LCA considerations as a means of planning and documenting sustainability
- Identify and present new developments within the field of tools, methods and practices
- Sustainability aspects of the re-use of buildings considered as "cultural heritage"

Target Group

Infrastructure planners and engineers as well as their decision makers from the participating countries' defence ministries, military forces and construction agencies

The delegates are invited to inform their respective target group personnel of the seminar and of the seminar's points of contact

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