

Visit of Students from University of Defence BRNO to the **T**heresan **M**ilitary **A**cademy



Czech Students at the Theresian Military Academy
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From 25th November to 26th November, 2011 a Students-delegation from the University of Defence in Brno under supervision of LtCol Kozubek, PhD visited the Theresian Military Academy. The aim of the visit was to get introduced to the Austrian system of Basic Officer Education, to get knowledge of exchange possibilities and to make them familiar with the Austrian culture to increase intercultural competences. The idea for the visit was born within the Implementation Group of the **European Initiative**

for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus and initiated by the Students' association.

After arrival the Czech Republic's Students received a guided tour through the castle by Col Pauschenwein as well as briefings in the Marie Therese Knights' Hall about the Austrian Basic Officer Education by Col(GS) Mag. Wiedner and the Austrian approach to internationalization by LtCol Dr. Gell.

The evening was planned by Austrian Officer Cadets. Visits to Christmas markets in Vienna gave an impression about the pre-Christmas period in Vienna.

On Saturday the Students could learn about Austrian history in participating a guided



tour through the Military Museum in Vienna conducted by Col Dr. Steiger. Lunch was taken in the dining-hall of the National Defence College; after that the Students had the possibility to visit the centre of Vienna guided by Austrian Officer Cadets. In the later

afternoon the delegation departed from Vienna back to Brno. A similar trip will take place in December, when Austrian Officer Cadets will visit the University of Defence in Brno. All these activities are done on a voluntary basis during the Students' & Officer Cadets' spare time and on expenses of themselves.

