



Name of the event	CM - Battle Physical, Mental and Survival Training
Institution, which organised the event	"Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy
Country of the organiser	Romania
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During the training, we felt both challenged and excited. From the very beginning, the welcoming atmosphere made us feel comfortable. The representatives who greeted us at the airport and guided us through the academy's facilities were friendly and helpful. As we settled into the camp, we quickly realized that the environment, although different, was not much of a struggle. We adjusted to the new surroundings with ease, seeing it as an opportunity to learn and experience something new.

Throughout the two weeks, we were actively involved in various activities. The first week took place in a mountain camp where we built shelters, learned to start different types of fires, and practiced patrols. The most memorable part of this week was the night spent in the forest, testing our newly acquired skills. The second week was focused on reconnaissance, camouflage, and patrols. We also had the chance to shoot with an AK-47 rifle and a Tokarev TT-30 pistol, which was both exciting and intense. The final day involved crossing a lake and completing a fire obstacle course, pushing us to our limits.

We were constantly engaged in hands-on experiences, which made us feel like we were truly learning and growing. At times, we felt the pressure of learning new skills quickly, especially in comparison to our training at home. However, the fast-paced environment was rewarding, and we felt accomplished after mastering each new technique.

Overall, the experience was fulfilling and eye-opening. We were able to develop both individually and as a team, learning the importance of cooperation, adaptability, and resilience. We also enjoyed interacting with cadets from different countries, exchanging experiences, and making new international connections. The training was tough at times, but it was an unforgettable journey that enhanced our skills and broadened our perspectives.