US and Austria to Integrate Computer Network Systems

1,400 people representing 40 nations are in Grafenwoehr Germany (Nuremberg) now through 16 September to integrate military and government communication and computer networks.

The project is called Combined Endeavor. The goal is to tie each nation's military / government networks together in order to seamlessly transfer and share unclassified information across Europe, the US and Canada. The project includes an annual exercise.

- Combined Endeavor has run for 16 years
- The project now includes 40 nations and has become the largest technology event in the world.
- Nations participate to coordinate aid and logistics to prepare for crisis or disaster. (For example: Switzerland used tools from Combined Endeavor to coordinate aid during the 2004 Tsunami relief effort.)
- Many emerging nations use the event to leap generations in technology or use the program as a path for building relations with the EU and North America

- The US Dept. of State joined the exercise portion of Combined Endeavor to assist with the growing diplomatic needs integrating partner and emerging nations.

- Media are invited to cover the event and interview participants. We are organizing onsite and remote interviews through web-cam and phone.

- Event Dates:
  7-11 September is media week (During Computer network testing and simulations)
  12-15 Testing and simulations completed
  16 Closing ceremony

Online Media Kit: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=239412614519
Media also have full access and are welcome to navigate and participate in the site. The Press Kit is under the information tab and discussions tab, all content is public. Not all content is endorsed or controlled by the public affairs office.

Nations participating:
Austria, Afghanistan, Armenia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Iraq, Ireland, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland, Spain, Serbia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Ukraine

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