

# P ublic information policy on NATO

## **Main focus on teaching process in schools in Latvian and Russian**

Apart from the different traditional ways of channelling information on Latvia's security issues (work with media, informative bulletins, updated websites, etc.) we are specially focusing on a teaching process in schools and universities in both Latvian and Russian. Following the experience of carrying out various seminar type projects in the past, it was understood that teachers could be regarded as an advantageous channel for delivering information and knowledge to their students.

In order to ensure that teachers have qualitative materials to work with we are preparing teaching/study materials, which are up to the standards of the education requirements for the Secondary school level. Our aim is to offer materials in interesting and unusual format thus encouraging interest among school children in Latvia-NATO issues and making the study process more enjoyable.

## **Productive cooperation with NGOs - Latvian Transatlantic Organization**

Close co-operation among the governmental and non-governmental institutions responsible for NATO integration has intensified in this year with the intention of guaranteeing more effective results of our public information policy. The Latvian Transatlantic Organisation (LATO) is a major non-governmental organisation in Latvia, which brings together like minded persons who want to promote Latvia's membership in NATO. Supported by the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs, LATO has been active in organizing informative campaigns, seminars in the different regions of Latvia and international conferences in Riga.

During the Prague Summit LATO's youth campaign "Next Stop - NATO" was the only pro-NATO outside public activity in Prague. Meanwhile approximately 50 demonstrations against war and NATO were registered.



LATO information campaign -  
"NATO Jeep around Latvia"  
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